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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

THE APPLE AND WOODS SURVEYS

EACH YEAR THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH AND THE MAINE JOB SERVICE CONDUCT THE APPLE AND WOODS WAGE SURVEYS. THESE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED DURING THE APPLE HARVESTING SEASON IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, AND DURING SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER FOR THE PULPWOOD AND LOGGING INDUSTRY.

THE DATA COLLECTED DURING THESE SURVEYS ARE REPORTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO COMPLY WITH THEIR REGULATIONS INVOLVING BONDED OR ALIEN WORKERS. LAST YEAR IN MAINE THE NUMBER OF BONDED WORKERS INCLUDED OVER 400 BRITISH WEST INDIANS PICKING APPLES AND OVER 400 CANADIANS HARVESTING WOOD. IF WAGE RATES PAID TO BONDED WORKERS WERE LOWER THAN PREVAILING WAGES FOR AMERICANS PERFORMING THE SAME WORK, THE RESULT COULD BE DISCRIMINATORY HIRING PRACTICES ADVERSELY AFFECTING MAINE WORKERS. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MUCH WAGE DATA AS POSSIBLE BE OBTAINED SO THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CAN SET PIECE OR WAGE RATES FOR BONDED LABOR BASED ON CURRENT WAGE LEVELS.

THE APPLE WAGE SURVEY PROVIDES WAGE DATA GATHERED FROM THE COMMERCIAL APPLE GROWERS IN MAINE. THE SURVEY IS CONCERNED WITH THE WAGES PAID TO AMERICAN WORKERS IN TWO CROP ACTIVITIES: SPOT PICKING AND STRIP PICKING. SPOT PICKING IS PICKING DONE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS ACCORDING TO SIZE, COLOR, ETC. THIS MAY BE DONE SEVERAL TIMES TO ONE TREE. ONCE A TREE HAS BEEN SPOT PICKED IT CANNOT, BY DEFINITION, BE STRIP PICKED EVEN THOUGH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE APPLES MAY REMAIN ON THE TREE. STRIP PICKING ENTAILS PICKING ALL THE FRUIT AT ONE TIME ON A TREE THAT HAS NOT BEEN SPOT PICKED.

THE WOODS WAGE SURVEY IS CONCERNED WITH ALL CUTTING AND NONCUTTING OCCUPATIONS ENGAGED BY LOGGING CAMPS AND LOGGING CONTRACTORS. ALL CUTTING OCCUPATIONS ARE EXAMINED BY TYPE OF WOOD, I.E., PULPWOOD - FOUR-FOOT - SOFTWOOD; AND BY CUTTING ACTIVITY, I.E., FELL, LIMB, TOP, SKID TREE LENGTH, BUCK, AND PILE. ALL NONCUTTING OCCUPATIONS ARE EXAMINED BY SPECIFIC OCCUPATION, I.E., COOK, SUPERVISOR, TRUCK

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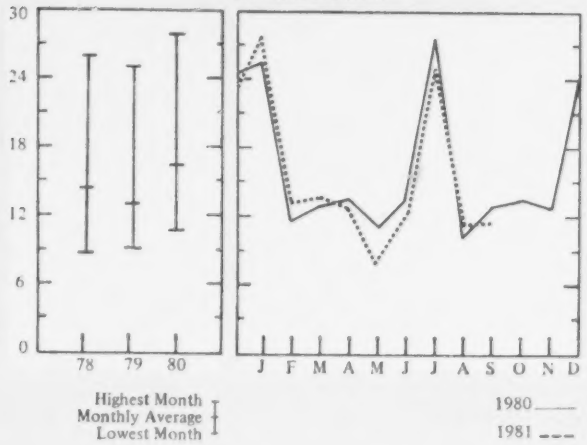
in Thousands



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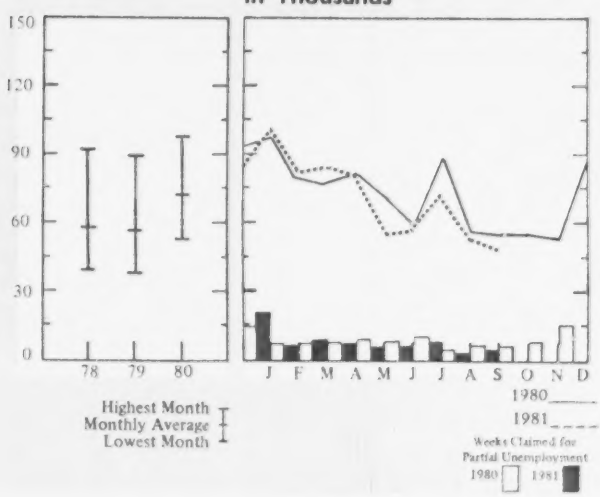


Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employee

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Manufacturing	5.1	4.7	6.9	3.6	3.2	4.9	1.2	1.3	1.8	6.2	4.3	6.3	3.1	1.9	3.5	2.2	1.7	1.8
Durable Goods	3.6	3.4	3.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	0.6	0.7	1.2	3.5	3.1	5.0	2.2	1.5	2.2	0.4	0.9	1.8
Lumber and Wood Products	4.7	5.2	6.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	0.9	1.8	2.4	5.7	4.7	7.8	3.7	2.3	3.3	0.8	1.4	3.0
Metals and Machinery	3.5	2.0	3.6	2.3	1.7	2.3	0.7	0.1	1.0	2.8	2.6	3.5	1.5	1.2	1.9	0.4	0.8	0.7
Other Durable Goods	2.5	3.2	1.6	2.3	3.0	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.3	2.4	3.8	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.5	2.0
Nondurable Goods	6.0	5.7	8.5	4.2	3.7	6.3	1.5	1.8	2.1	7.7	4.9	7.1	3.6	2.1	4.3	3.3	2.2	1.7
Food and Kindred Products	12.3	14.9	23.5	8.9	5.8	17.0	3.3	9.0	6.5	10.0	10.2	12.5	4.6	1.8	5.4	4.9	7.8	6.0
Textile Mill Products	4.9	6.1	4.1	3.5	5.0	2.7	0.9	0.7	1.0	8.5	8.8	8.6	3.9	4.0	4.5	3.4	3.7	3.2
Apparel	4.7	4.2	5.8	3.6	3.7	5.2	0.9	0.4	0.5	3.7	3.3	5.5	3.5	2.1	3.7	0.0	0.5	0.0
Paper and Allied Products	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	3.1	1.1	2.8	2.4	0.5	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.4
Leather and Leather Products	8.3	6.2	10.6	5.4	5.1	8.1	2.6	1.0	2.3	12.2	6.1	8.3	4.6	3.3	6.5	6.7	2.1	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.1	3.5	2.9	2.7	0.7	0.6	1.4	5.3	2.9	5.0	2.6	1.9	2.8	1.6	0.4	1.0

Female Labor Force in Maine
in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	212.4	217.5	212.9
Unemployed	15.8	15.6	17.7
(Percent)	7.4	7.2	8.3
Resident Employed	196.6	201.9	195.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.2

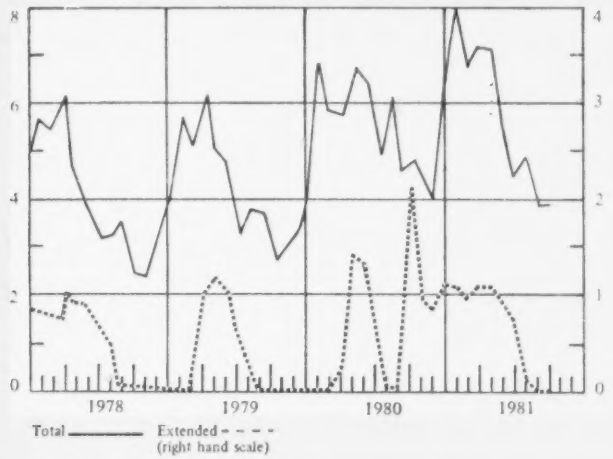
1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

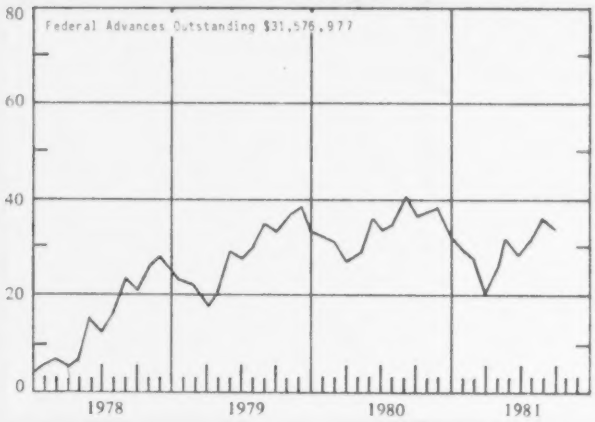
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

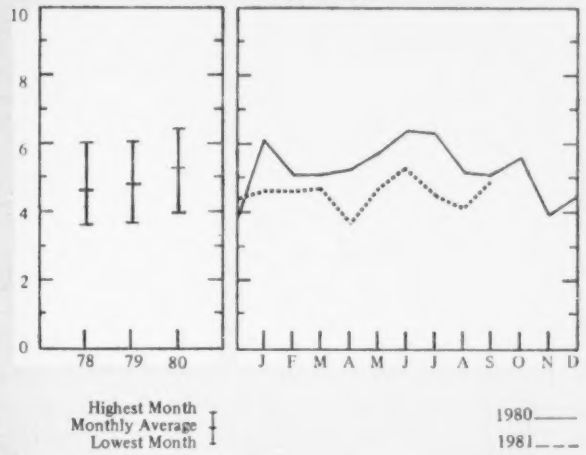
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	423.6	431.8	427.6	94.0	94.6	93.3	34.2	34.9	35.5
Total Manufacturing	114.5	116.6	115.1	18.4	18.5	18.9	11.3	11.5	12.1
Durable Goods	42.1	42.4	41.6	7.5	7.4	8.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.2	13.6	13.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.8	16.7	16.6	6.7	6.5	6.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.1	12.1	11.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	72.4	74.2	73.5	10.9	11.1	10.8	9.2	9.4	10.0
Food and Kindred Products	9.9	10.4	11.3	2.5	2.6	2.5	0.9	0.9	1.5
Textile Mill Products	8.1	8.2	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.7	19.0	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	21.2	21.9	21.9	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.5)	(18.4)	(18.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.2)
All Other	(3.7)	(3.5)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.5	9.7	9.8	4.9	5.0	4.7	2.3	2.4	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	309.1	315.2	312.5	75.6	76.1	74.4	22.9	23.4	23.4
Contract Construction	21.4	21.5	22.6	4.0	3.8	4.0	1.3	1.3	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	19.8	19.1	5.5	5.7	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	90.4	93.2	91.9	26.1	26.9	25.1	8.2	8.2	8.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.9	17.2	16.8	7.8	7.9	7.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	81.5	86.8	81.4	20.3	20.5	20.2	7.7	8.0	7.6
Government	79.7	76.7	80.7	11.9	11.3	12.3	2.9	3.1	3.2
Federal	(18.2)	(18.4)	(18.1)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.5)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(61.5)	(58.3)	(62.6)	(10.5)	(9.9)	(10.8)	(2.6)	(2.8)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

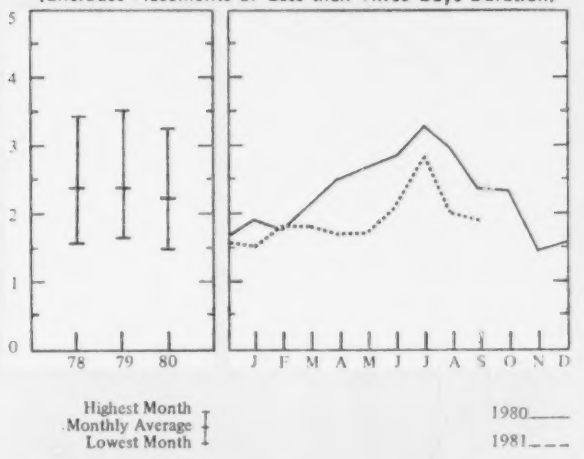
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1980	1979	1978
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$276.98	$270.28	$246.21	40.2	40.4	40.1	$6.89	$6.69	$6.14	$6.00	$5.42	$4.91
Durable Goods	286.31	287.04	262.68	40.1	40.6	40.6	7.14	7.07	6.47	6.27	5.61	5.13
Lumber and Wood Products	258.13	269.28	259.26	38.7	40.8	40.7	6.67	6.60	6.37	6.08	5.49	5.02
Metals and Machinery	269.20	267.33	240.20	40.0	39.9	39.9	6.73	6.70	6.02	5.87	5.27	4.92
Other Durable Goods	344.82	336.58	298.19	42.0	41.4	41.3	8.21	8.13	7.22	7.09	6.26	5.63
Nondurable Goods	271.22	260.34	237.41	40.3	40.3	39.9	6.73	6.46	5.95	5.85	5.31	4.79
Food and Kindred Products	206.44	217.59	185.82	38.3	40.9	38.0	5.39	5.32	4.89	5.01	4.65	4.25
Textile Mill Products	210.53	215.02	193.55	40.1	40.8	39.5	5.25	5.27	4.90	4.79	4.40	4.03
Apparel	185.60	180.56	175.22	35.9	36.7	37.6	5.17	4.92	4.66	4.49	4.15	3.83
Paper and Allied Products	469.44	420.81	405.17	48.5	45.2	46.2	9.68	9.31	8.77	8.31	7.44	6.71
Leather and Leather Products	180.93	188.78	177.49	35.2	35.8	36.9	5.14	5.13	4.81	4.72	4.23	3.88
Other Nondurable Goods	228.93	221.34	203.45	39.2	38.9	39.2	5.84	5.69	5.19	5.23	4.80	4.25
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	249.66	245.86	233.63	38.0	38.0	39.2	6.57	6.47	5.96	5.85	5.32	4.94
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	209.24	212.80	190.88	37.1	38.0	37.5	5.64	5.60	5.09	5.08	4.66	4.18

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	279.3	276.5	251.7	258.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 1.0
Percent Change from Last December	+ 8.1
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+11.0

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	519.9	523.5	520.0	488.5	491.9	484.3	31.4	31.6	35.7	6.0	6.0	6.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,700	41,800	40,800	40,500	39,600	38,200	2,200	2,200	2,600	5.2	5.3	6.4
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,700	31,000	31,100	28,700	28,900	28,900	2,000	2,100	2,200	6.5	6.8	7.1
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,700	37,900	38,800	35,000	35,300	36,100	2,700	2,600	2,700	7.2	6.9	7.0
Portland SMSA	90,500	91,700	90,900	86,200	87,100	85,900	4,300	4,600	5,000	4.8	5.0	5.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,690	29,160	28,960	26,890	27,230	27,030	1,800	1,930	1,930	6.3	6.6	6.7
Bath-Brunswick	22,720	23,240	21,480	21,780	22,210	20,210	940	1,030	1,270	4.1	4.4	5.9
Belfast	10,240	11,010	10,390	9,480	10,140	9,210	760	870	1,180	7.4	7.9	11.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,300	9,240	8,240	7,930	8,780	7,740	370	460	500	4.5	5.0	6.1
Calais-Eastport	15,370	17,080	15,780	14,330	15,890	14,400	1,040	1,190	1,380	6.8	7.0	8.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	28,360	21,160	28,900	25,900	18,610	26,290	2,460	2,550	2,610	8.7	12.1	9.0
Central Penobscot	4,130	4,300	4,390	3,940	4,110	4,170	190	190	220	4.6	4.4	5.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,770	6,690	6,640	6,500	6,410	6,210	270	280	430	4.0	4.2	6.5
Ellsworth	19,920	23,180	20,900	19,130	22,290	19,670	790	890	1,230	4.0	3.8	5.9
Farmington	12,880	12,800	12,850	12,130	12,020	11,910	750	780	940	5.8	6.1	7.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,210	4,710	6,060	5,750	4,290	5,630	460	420	430	7.4	8.9	7.1
Greenville	1,390	1,370	1,250	1,320	1,320	1,170	70	50	80	5.0	3.6	6.4
Houlton	7,050	4,780	6,920	6,600	4,310	6,250	450	470	670	6.4	9.8	9.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,480	5,590	5,240	5,210	5,300	4,920	270	290	320	4.9	5.2	6.1
Livermore Falls	5,480	5,400	5,410	4,990	4,850	4,980	490	550	430	8.9	10.2	7.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,310	4,570	5,550	4,910	4,200	5,080	400	370	470	7.5	8.1	8.5
Mechanic Falls	2,880	3,330	2,710	2,630	3,100	2,460	250	230	250	8.7	6.9	9.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,830	5,980	6,050	5,600	5,730	5,820	230	250	230	3.9	4.2	3.8
Patten-Island Falls	3,960	2,510	3,870	3,730	2,320	3,430	230	190	440	5.8	7.6	11.4
Rockland	16,900	17,710	17,070	16,090	16,900	15,910	810	810	1,160	4.8	4.6	6.8
Rumford	21,030	21,260	21,920	19,480	19,730	20,170	1,550	1,530	1,750	7.4	7.2	8.0
Sebago Lake Region	11,240	13,450	10,930	10,610	12,790	10,020	630	660	910	5.6	4.9	8.3
Skowhegan	19,630	20,130	19,450	17,170	18,490	17,780	2,460	1,640	1,670	12.5	8.1	8.6
Kittery-York	19,790	23,260	19,760	19,270	22,760	19,160	520	500	600	2.6	2.1	3.0
Southwest Penobscot	7,020	7,110	7,050	6,440	6,470	6,100	580	640	950	8.3	9.0	13.5
Waterville	21,770	22,120	20,790	20,340	20,770	19,520	1,430	1,350	1,270	6.6	6.1	6.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,593.2	1,597.8	1,611.0	1,497.1	1,497.6	1,518.2	96.1	100.2	92.8	6.0	6.3	5.8
Massachusetts	2,950.0	3,040.0	2,915.0	2,757.0	2,822.0	2,742.0	193.0	218.0	173.0	6.5	7.2	5.9
New Hampshire	n/a	479.7	466.7	n/a	458.7	445.4	n/a	21.0	21.3	n/a	4.4	4.6
Rhode Island	468.3	467.8	464.8	438.3	433.3	434.9	30.0	34.5	29.9	6.4	7.4	6.4
Vermont	241.3	241.6	246.2	230.4	229.4	231.7	10.9	12.2	14.5	4.5	5.0	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,826.9	5,703.7	n/a	5,441.0	5,372.2	n/a	385.9	331.5	n/a	6.6	5.8
UNITED STATES 3/	105,964	107,771	104,720	98,277	100,013	97,256	7,687	7,758	7,464	7.3	7.2	7.1

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

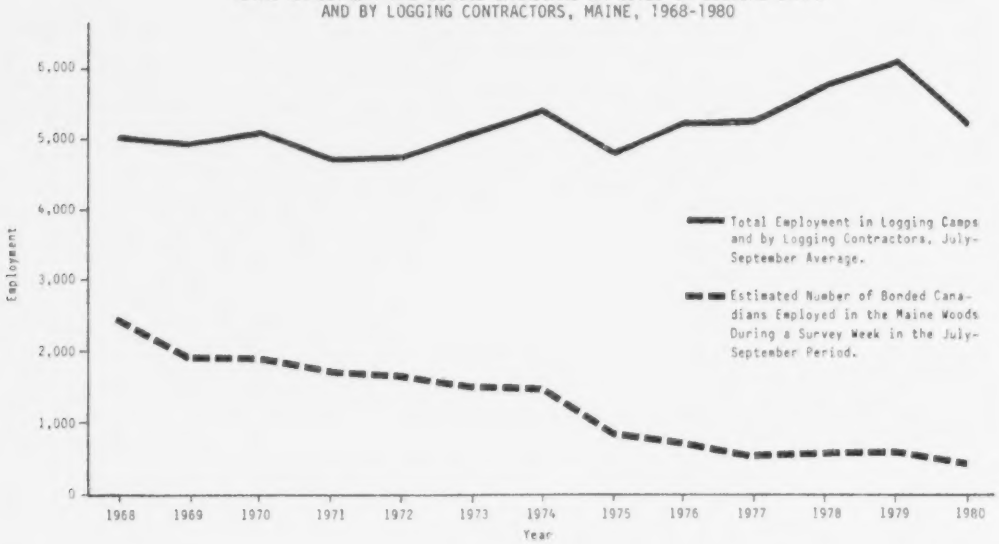
ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,953	11,217	11,668	1,409	1,597	1,605	845	913	878
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.7	2.7	2.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

DRIVER, ETC. THE SURVEY FORM INCLUDES 32 CUTTING AND 31 NONCUTTING OCCUPATIONS. THE TRAINED SURVEY TAKER ACCOUNTS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL OCCUPATIONS NOT LISTED ON THE FORM.

THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH AND THE MAINE JOB SERVICE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE APPLE GROWERS AND WOOD HARVESTERS WHO PARTICIPATE EACH YEAR IN THE SURVEYS.

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND BONDED CANADIANS EMPLOYED IN LOGGING CAMPS AND BY LOGGING CONTRACTORS, MAINE, 1968-1980



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TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT

THE MAINE JOB SERVICE HAS ISSUED OVER 2,000 CERTIFICATIONS TO MAINE EMPLOYERS THROUGH THE TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.

> "SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM, THE TAX CREDIT HAS SAVED MAINE EMPLOYERS AN ESTIMATED $6 MILLION," SAYS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COMMISSIONER WILLIAM R. MALLOY, "AND NOW FURTHER SAVINGS ARE POSSIBLE."

A DIVISION OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, THE JOB SERVICE LOCATES JOBS FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR WORK AND PROVIDES EMPLOYERS WITH QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO MEET THEIR PLACEMENT NEEDS. IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE THE JOB SERVICE PLACED 23,895 PEOPLE IN JOBS, MATCHING THEIR SKILLS WITH SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

THE JOB PLACEMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE JOB SERVICE IS ACHIEVED THROUGH A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES AND SERVICES. THE MAINE JOB BANK PROVIDES STATEWIDE AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION TO PEOPLE SEEKING WORK THROUGH ANY OF THE JOB SERVICE LOCAL OFFICES. THE COMPUTERIZED, CATEGORICAL JOB ORDER SYSTEM ALLOWS EMPLOYERS TO CALL IN THEIR JOB OPENINGS THROUGH A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER. THE JOBS ARE THEN LISTED IN OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHERE POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES MAY LEARN OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN FIELDS IN WHICH THEY ARE SKILLED. THE JOB SERVICE THEN SCREENS APPLICANTS FOR THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND DIRECTLY REFERS THOSE WITH SUITABLE SKILLS TO THE EMPLOYER. COUNSELING SERVICES ARE ALSO PROVIDED BY JOB SERVICE OFFICES. APTITUDE AND PERFORMANCE TESTS ARE ADMINISTERED TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL OF INDIVIDUALS LOOKING FOR WORK AND ASSIST THEM IN FINDING SUITABLE WORK TO UTILIZE THAT POTENTIAL.

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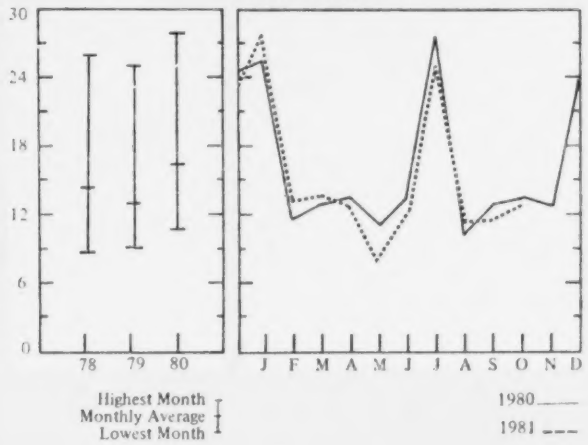
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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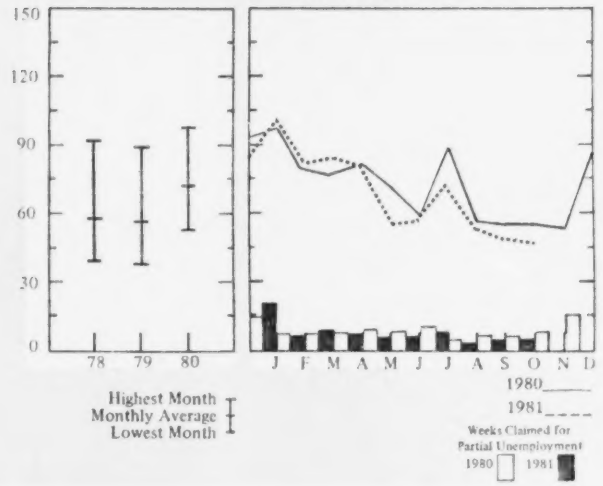


Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employee

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980
Manufacturing	3.8	5.4	5.2	2.7	3.9	3.8	0.8	1.3	1.2	6.5	5.8	6.4	2.7	3.0	3.3	2.9	1.9	2.1
Durable Goods	3.0	3.6	3.9	2.2	2.7	2.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	4.3	3.5	3.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.6	0.6	0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	4.3	4.6	6.6	2.5	3.2	3.3	1.3	0.9	2.4	7.7	6.1	5.5	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.4	1.4	1.4
Metals and Machinery	3.0	3.7	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.6	0.1	0.7	0.2	2.6	2.4	3.0	1.2	1.4	1.9	0.8	0.3	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	2.4	1.6	1.6	2.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.7	2.9	2.3	3.1	1.6	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.1	1.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	6.4	6.0	2.9	4.6	4.6	1.0	1.6	1.3	7.9	7.2	7.9	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.7	2.7	2.6
Food and Kindred Products	4.8	16.6	10.3	2.9	11.6	6.0	1.9	4.9	4.3	18.0	10.2	21.6	4.2	4.8	6.4	11.7	4.9	14.2
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.0	4.7	3.4	3.6	3.1	1.4	1.0	1.3	8.3	8.7	7.0	3.2	4.0	3.4	4.3	3.5	2.5
Apparel	6.8	6.0	6.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	1.6	0.9	0.2	5.2	5.3	5.0	3.9	3.2	3.8	0.5	0.0	0.2
Paper and Allied Products	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.4	2.9	3.2	1.9	2.2	2.3	0.7	0.0	0.1
Leather and Leather Products	5.2	7.6	8.0	3.8	5.2	7.1	1.2	2.2	0.7	8.7	10.0	6.4	3.9	4.3	4.8	3.8	4.7	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.2	6.4	3.8	3.4	4.1	0.6	0.7	2.2	5.6	5.3	5.4	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.3	1.6	1.2

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	208.3	212.4	209.9
Unemployed	13.9	15.8	16.7
(Percent)	6.7	7.4	8.0
Resident Employed	194.4	196.6	193.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0

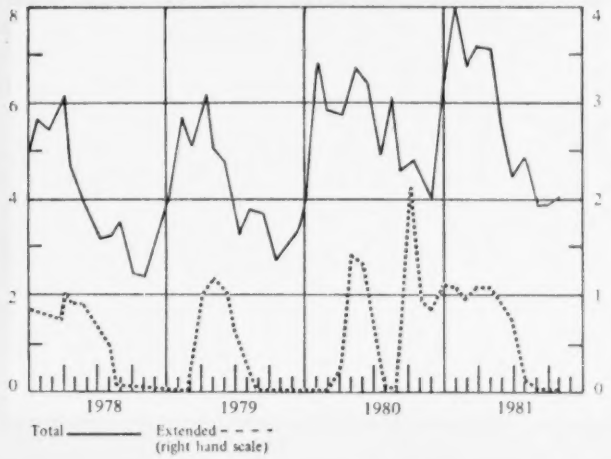
1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

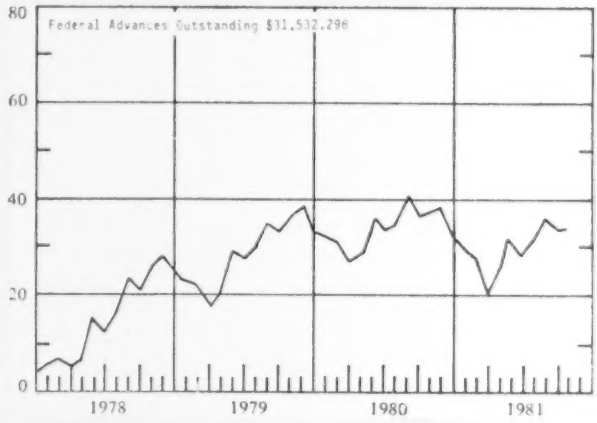
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

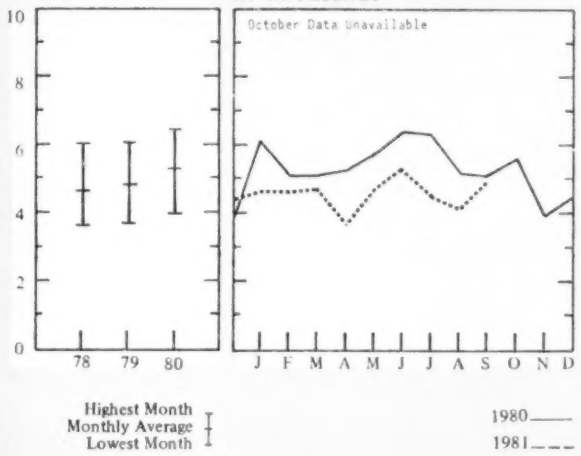
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	419.5	423.6	426.3	95.3	94.0	93.9	34.5	34.2	35.6
Total Manufacturing	112.0	114.5	115.2	18.1	18.4	18.7	11.2	11.3	12.1
Durable Goods	41.3	42.1	41.6	7.3	7.5	8.0	2.1	2.1	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.8	13.2	13.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.6	16.8	16.6	6.5	6.7	6.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.9	12.1	11.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	70.7	72.4	73.6	10.8	10.9	10.7	9.1	9.2	9.9
Food and Kindred Products	9.5	9.9	10.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.9	0.9	1.3
Textile Mill Products	7.8	8.1	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.1	18.7	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	20.9	21.2	22.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.3)	(17.5)	(18.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.3)
All Other	(3.6)	(3.7)	(3.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.4	9.5	9.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	2.2	2.3	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	307.5	309.1	311.1	77.2	75.6	75.2	23.3	22.9	23.5
Contract Construction	20.6	21.4	22.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	1.3	1.3	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.0	19.2	19.0	5.5	5.5	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	87.8	90.4	90.2	26.4	26.1	24.9	8.3	8.2	8.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.9	16.9	16.6	7.8	7.8	7.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.9	81.5	78.9	20.4	20.3	19.7	7.9	7.7	7.7
Government	83.3	79.7	84.4	13.3	11.9	13.8	3.0	2.9	3.2
Federal	(18.4)	(18.2)	(18.2)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(64.9)	(61.5)	(66.2)	(11.9)	(10.5)	(12.4)	(2.7)	(2.6)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 38. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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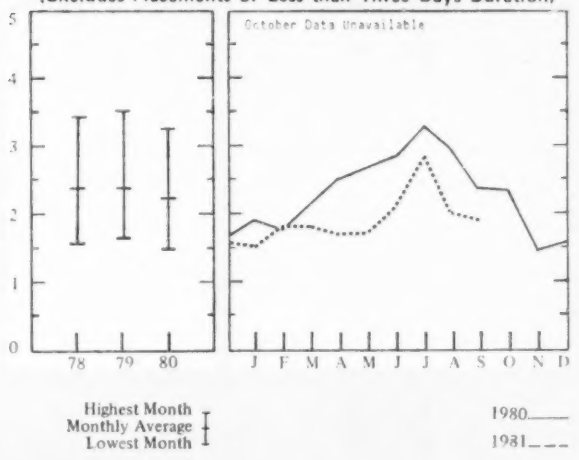
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1980	1979	1978
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$276.89	$276.98	$248.62	40.6	40.2	40.1	$6.82	$6.89	$6.20	$6.00	$5.42	$4.91
Durable Goods	292.73	286.31	264.96	40.6	40.1	40.7	7.21	7.14	6.51	6.27	5.61	5.13
Lumber and Wood Products	264.26	258.13	259.61	39.5	38.7	40.5	6.69	6.67	6.41	6.08	5.49	5.02
Metals and Machinery	271.75	269.20	243.61	40.2	40.0	40.2	6.76	6.73	6.06	5.87	5.27	4.92
Other Durable Goods	353.21	344.82	302.54	42.3	42.0	41.5	8.35	8.21	7.29	7.09	6.26	5.63
Nondurable Goods	266.90	271.22	239.20	40.5	40.3	39.8	6.59	6.73	6.01	5.85	5.31	4.79
Food and Kindred Products	202.29	206.44	184.60	37.6	38.3	36.7	5.38	5.39	5.03	5.01	4.65	4.25
Textile Mill Products	210.01	210.53	196.00	39.7	40.1	40.0	5.29	5.25	4.90	4.79	4.40	4.03
Apparel	192.14	185.60	172.17	37.6	35.9	36.4	5.11	5.17	4.73	4.49	4.15	3.83
Paper and Allied Products	457.43	469.48	402.40	48.1	48.5	46.9	9.51	9.68	8.58	8.31	7.44	6.71
Leather and Leather Products	191.88	180.93	177.51	36.9	35.2	36.6	5.20	5.14	4.85	4.72	4.23	3.88
Other Nondurable Goods	229.68	228.93	205.28	39.6	39.2	39.1	5.80	5.84	5.25	5.23	4.80	4.25
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	264.40	249.66	234.00	40.0	38.0	39.0	6.61	6.57	6.00	5.85	5.32	4.94
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	208.62	209.24	197.08	36.6	37.1	37.9	5.70	5.64	5.20	5.08	4.66	4.18

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	279.9	279.3	253.9	258.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+ 8.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+10.2

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	496.4	519.9	508.3	467.9	488.5	473.8	28.5	31.4	34.5	5.7	6.0	6.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,300	42,700	41,400	41,100	40,500	38,900	2,200	2,200	2,500	5.1	5.2	6.0
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,200	30,700	30,300	28,300	28,700	28,900	1,900	2,000	2,000	6.3	6.5	6.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	36,900	37,700	38,800	34,800	35,000	36,200	2,100	2,700	2,600	5.7	7.2	6.7
Portland SMSA	91,100	90,500	91,800	87,100	86,200	86,600	4,000	4,300	5,200	4.4	4.8	5.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,460	28,690	29,230	26,750	26,890	27,080	1,710	1,800	2,150	6.0	6.3	7.4
Bath-Brunswick	22,670	22,720	21,280	21,650	21,780	20,080	1,020	940	1,200	4.5	4.1	5.6
Belfast	10,070	10,240	10,240	9,340	9,480	9,160	730	760	1,080	7.2	7.4	10.5
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,540	8,300	7,390	7,170	7,930	6,880	370	370	510	4.9	4.5	6.9
Calais-Eastport	15,170	15,370	15,630	14,110	14,330	14,280	1,060	1,040	1,350	7.0	6.8	8.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,600	28,360	24,320	18,870	25,900	22,490	1,730	2,460	1,830	8.4	8.7	7.5
Central Penobscot	4,190	4,130	4,540	4,000	3,940	4,320	190	190	220	4.5	4.6	4.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,730	6,770	6,750	6,480	6,500	6,280	250	270	470	3.7	4.0	7.0
Ellsworth	18,170	19,920	19,690	17,380	19,130	18,450	790	790	1,240	4.3	4.0	6.3
Farmington	12,410	12,880	12,890	11,680	12,130	12,030	730	750	860	5.9	5.8	6.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,150	6,210	4,680	4,730	5,750	4,310	420	460	370	8.2	7.4	7.9
Greenville	1,370	1,390	1,180	1,310	1,320	1,120	60	70	60	4.4	5.0	5.1
Houlton	4,970	7,050	6,190	4,620	6,600	5,670	350	450	520	7.0	6.4	8.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,530	5,480	5,400	5,220	5,210	5,090	310	270	310	5.6	4.9	5.7
Livermore Falls	5,200	5,480	5,250	4,800	4,990	4,800	400	490	450	7.7	8.9	8.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,580	5,310	4,720	4,250	4,910	4,280	330	400	440	7.2	7.5	9.3
Mechanic Falls	2,370	2,880	2,550	2,090	2,630	2,340	280	250	210	11.8	8.7	8.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,860	5,830	6,090	5,630	5,600	5,860	230	230	230	3.9	3.9	3.8
Patten-Island Falls	2,520	3,960	3,340	2,330	3,730	2,990	190	230	350	7.5	5.8	10.5
Rockland	16,460	16,900	16,720	15,690	16,090	15,420	770	810	1,300	4.7	4.8	7.8
Rumford	20,320	21,030	21,580	18,910	19,480	19,910	1,410	1,550	1,670	6.9	7.4	7.7
Sebago Lake Region	10,510	11,240	10,770	9,910	10,610	9,890	600	630	880	5.7	5.6	8.2
Skowhegan	18,910	19,630	19,330	16,910	17,170	17,630	2,000	2,460	1,700	10.6	12.5	8.8
Kittery-York	16,940	19,790	17,060	16,490	19,270	16,550	450	520	510	2.7	2.6	3.0
Southwest Penobscot	7,040	7,020	7,050	6,410	6,440	6,150	630	580	900	8.9	8.3	12.8
Waterville	21,280	21,770	21,550	19,900	20,340	20,220	1,380	1,430	1,330	6.5	6.6	6.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,593.2	1,609.7	n/a	1,497.1	1,521.7	n/a	96.1	88.0	n/a	6.0	5.5
Massachusetts	3,043.0	2,950.0	2,965.0	2,831.0	2,757.0	2,798.0	212.0	193.0	167.0	7.0	6.5	5.6
New Hampshire	468.8	476.1	463.9	447.7	454.4	443.0	21.1	21.7	20.9	4.5	4.6	4.5
Rhode Island	469.0	468.3	462.9	439.6	438.3	435.5	29.4	30.0	27.4	6.3	6.4	5.9
Vermont	243.8	241.3	249.5	232.4	230.4	234.7	11.4	10.9	14.8	4.7	4.5	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,728.9	5,751.0	n/a	5,377.2	5,432.9	n/a	351.7	318.1	n/a	6.1	5.5
UNITED STATES 3/	106,926	105,964	105,415	98,902	98,277	97,933	8,024	7,687	7,482	7.5	7.3	7.1

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,780	10,953	11,142	1,317	1,409	1,672	764	845	847
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

THE TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT (TJTC) PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE NEWEST AND MOST EXCITING JOB SERVICE PLACEMENT PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM OFFERS TAX CREDITS TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE WORKERS FROM SPECIFIC, TARGETED GROUPS. INITIATED IN MARCH OF 1979, THIS LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED ON AUGUST 13, 1981, WHEN THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY TAX ACT, WHICH INCLUDED TJTC. CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED EXTENDING THE PROGRAM THROUGH DECEMBER 1982. THE REENACTMENT LEGISLATION ALSO CONTAINED ADDITIONS TO THE TARGETED GROUPS, AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS.

EXTENSION OF TJTC MEANS THE CONTINUATION OF A TWOFOLD BENEFIT PROGRAM: A TAX CREDIT TO EMPLOYERS FOR EACH TARGETED WORKER HIRED DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND A DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THOSE GROUPS WHOSE MEMBERS TRADITIONALLY HAVE DIFFICULTY FINDING JOBS.

TARGETED GROUPS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM ARE:

- ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH 18 TO 24 YEARS
- ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS
- ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED EX-OFFENDERS HIRED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF RELEASE FROM PRISON, (OR DATE OF CONVICTION, WHICHEVER IS LATER)
- YOUTH, 16 TO 19 YEARS OLD, PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CLIENTS
- SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) RECIPIENTS
- FORMER COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT (CETA) PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT (PSE) WORKERS, INVOLUNTARILY TERMINATED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1980
- RECIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC), BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1982

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MAINE FIRMS - THE BIG AND THE SMALL

INDUSTRIES DIFFER NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT SIZE AND THE PRODUCTS THEY PRODUCE, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF FIRM CHARACTERISTICS. IN SOME INDUSTRIES A FEW LARGE FIRMS EMPLOY THE BULK OF THE PEOPLE. IN OTHER INDUSTRIES A MAJORITY OF THE EMPLOYEES WORK FOR SMALL FIRMS. KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPOSITION OF INDUSTRIES IN TERMS OF FIRM CHARACTERISTICS IS IMPORTANT TO ECONOMISTS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

DATA ON FIRM SIZE HELPS AN ECONOMIST UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE OF AN INDUSTRY AND HOW MANY FIRMS NEED BE SURVEYED TO ACCURATELY DISCUSS CURRENT INDUSTRY TRENDS. JOB SEEKERS ARE INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION AS IT ENABLES THEM TO KNOW HOW MANY FIRMS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE CONTACTED DURING A JOB SEARCH. FOR INSTANCE, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS DOMINATED BY MANY SMALL FIRMS, AND MUCH FOOTWORK MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO FIND A JOB IN THAT INDUSTRY.

FIRM SIZE DATA IS ALSO OF INTEREST TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPERS. FOR INSTANCE, MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS ARE ON AVERAGE LARGER THAN THOSE IN TRADE OR SERVICES, TEND TO SERVE LARGER MARKETS, AND NEED LARGER LABOR POOLS. ONCE A LARGE MANUFACTURING FIRM HAS LOCATED IN AN AREA, SMALL TRADE AND SERVICES FIRMS ARE LIKELY TO LOCATE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EMPLOYMENT MULTIPLIER CONCEPT.

THE TABLE ON PAGE 6 LISTS THE NUMBER OF FIRMS AND EMPLOYMENT BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF FIRMS IN MAINE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981. THESE WERE PRIVATE EMPLOYERS COVERED UNDER THE MAINE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. THE DATA IS HIGHLIGHTED AS FOLLOWS:

- DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981 THERE WERE 27,463 FIRMS IN MAINE EMPLOYING 318,573 PEOPLE. THE AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT PER FIRM WAS 11.6 PEOPLE.
- THERE WERE 468 MAINE FIRMS WITH MORE THAN 100 EMPLOYEES.

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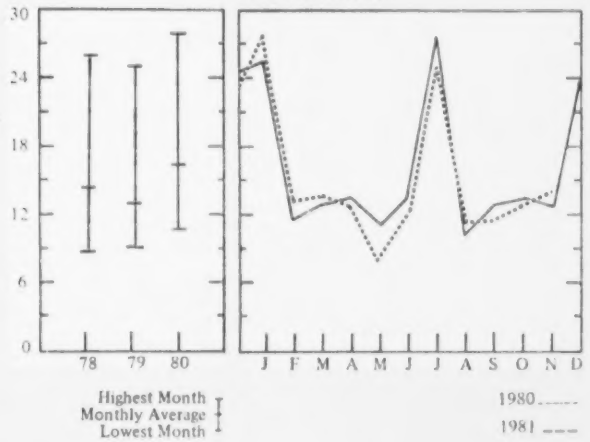
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

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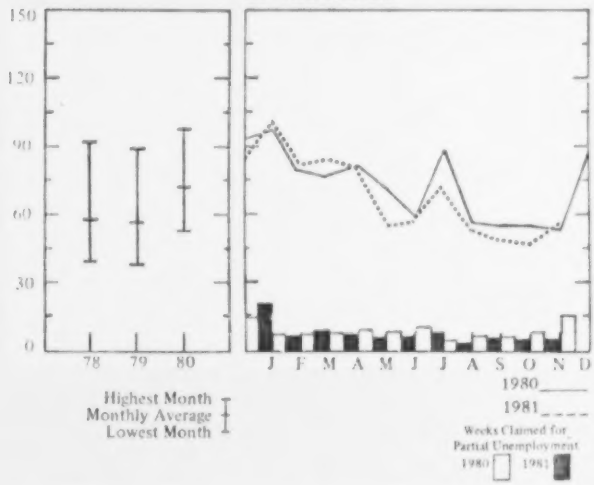


Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employees

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Oct. 1981	Sep. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sep. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sep 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sep. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sep. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sep. 1981	Oct. 1980
Manufacturing	3.4	3.9	4.2	2.5	2.7	3.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	4.7	6.7	4.8	1.7	2.7	2.3	2.2	3.1	1.7
Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	3.2	1.8	2.2	2.0	0.6	0.5	0.8	4.3	4.4	3.3	1.3	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.8	1.0
Lumber and Wood Products	4.9	4.1	5.1	2.8	2.4	3.1	1.4	1.2	1.4	7.9	8.2	4.4	1.9	2.9	2.3	4.6	4.2	1.2
Metals and Machinery	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.7	2.4	2.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	2.6	2.6	3.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
Other Durable Goods	1.2	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.0	2.4	2.9	2.2	1.0	1.6	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.9
Nondurable Goods	3.7	4.4	4.8	2.8	3.0	3.6	0.8	1.1	1.0	4.9	8.1	5.6	2.0	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.8	2.1
Food and Kindred Products	4.6	5.8	7.7	2.5	3.0	4.8	2.1	2.8	2.8	9.1	19.0	13.4	2.4	4.4	4.1	6.4	12.2	8.4
Textile Mill Products	4.9	5.8	5.6	3.5	3.6	2.8	0.9	1.4	2.2	7.5	8.4	6.0	2.7	3.3	2.6	3.9	4.2	2.4
Apparel	5.5	6.8	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.4	1.6	0.1	3.3	5.1	4.1	1.8	4.0	2.3	0.4	0.5	1.0
Paper and Allied Products	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	1.4	3.4	1.0	0.3	1.9	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.2
Leather and Leather Products	4.6	5.3	6.4	3.9	3.9	5.6	0.6	1.2	0.5	6.0	8.7	6.6	2.9	3.9	4.3	2.2	3.8	1.4
Other Nondurable Goods	3.7	4.7	4.5	2.8	3.8	3.4	0.7	0.6	1.0	3.6	5.8	4.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	1.0	2.4	0.8

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	207.9	208.3	206.8
Unemployed	15.0	13.9	16.2
(Percent)	7.2	6.7	7.8
Resident Employed	192.9	194.4	190.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0

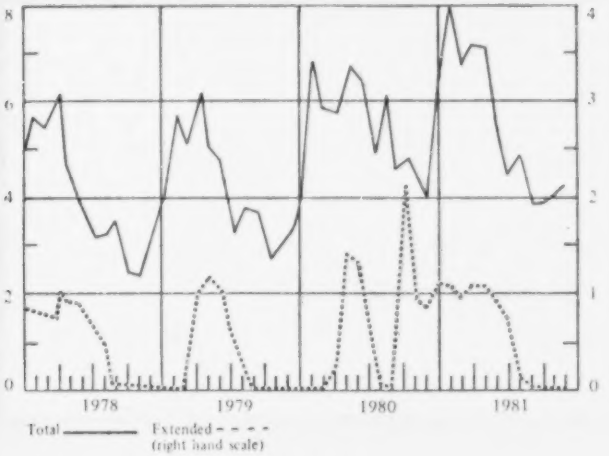
1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

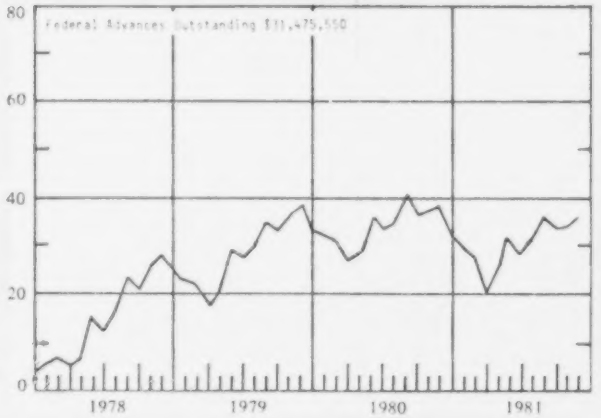
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

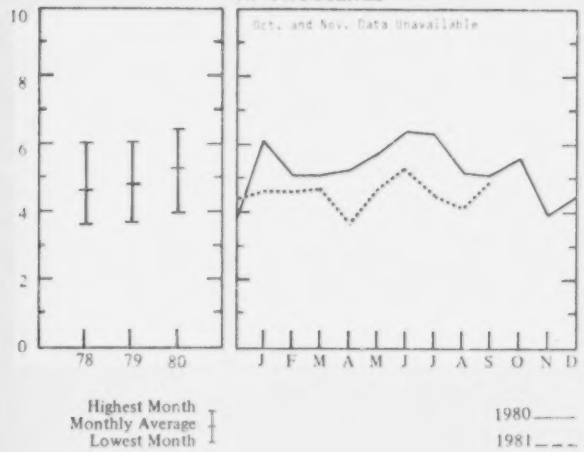
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	413.9	419.5	423.2	95.9	95.3	93.4	34.3	34.5	35.3
Total Manufacturing	110.6	112.0	114.6	18.0	18.1	18.6	11.0	11.2	11.8
Durable Goods	40.6	41.3	41.6	7.3	7.3	8.0	1.9	2.1	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.3	12.8	13.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.5	16.6	16.6	6.5	6.5	6.7	1.6	1.7	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.8	11.9	11.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods	70.0	70.7	73.0	10.7	10.8	10.6	9.1	9.1	9.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.7	9.5	10.1	2.4	2.5	2.5	0.9	0.9	1.3
Textile Mill Products	7.7	7.8	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.8
Apparel	5.2	5.0	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	18.1	18.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	20.7	20.9	21.9	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.2)	(17.3)	(18.5)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.3)
All Other	(3.5)	(3.6)	(3.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.5	9.4	9.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	2.2	2.2	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	303.3	307.5	308.6	77.9	77.2	74.8	23.3	23.3	23.5
Contract Construction	19.2	20.6	20.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	1.1	1.3	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.5	19.0	18.8	5.4	5.5	5.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	86.1	87.8	89.2	26.9	26.4	24.9	8.3	8.3	8.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.8	16.9	16.5	7.8	7.8	7.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	78.0	79.9	77.5	20.6	20.4	19.5	8.0	7.9	7.6
Government	84.7	83.3	85.9	13.5	13.3	13.7	3.1	3.0	3.3
Federal	(18.5)	(18.4)	(18.4)	(1.3)	(1.4)	(1.5)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(66.2)	(64.9)	(67.5)	(12.2)	(11.9)	(12.2)	(2.8)	(2.7)	(3.0)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay period including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39, Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39, Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

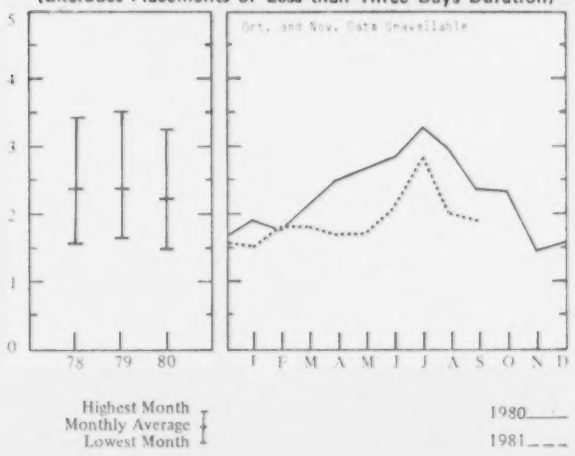
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1980	1979	1978
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$278.40	$276.89	$250.19	40.0	40.6	39.4	$6.96	$6.82	$6.35	$6.00	$5.42	$4.91
Durable Goods	297.34	292.73	262.94	40.4	40.6	39.6	7.36	7.21	6.64	6.27	5.61	5.13
Lumber and Wood Products	275.62	264.26	256.96	39.6	39.5	39.9	6.96	6.69	6.44	6.08	5.49	5.02
Metals and Machinery	272.92	271.75	241.96	39.9	40.2	38.9	6.84	5.76	6.22	5.87	5.27	4.92
Other Durable Goods	356.16	353.21	303.00	42.0	42.3	40.4	8.40	8.35	7.50	7.09	6.26	5.63
Nondurable Goods	267.58	266.90	242.65	39.7	40.5	39.2	6.74	6.59	6.19	5.85	5.31	4.79
Food and Kindred Products	223.29	202.29	195.81	38.3	37.6	36.6	5.83	5.38	5.35	5.01	4.65	4.25
Textile Mill Products	207.90	210.01	194.00	38.5	39.7	38.3	5.40	5.29	5.00	4.79	4.40	4.03
Apparel	203.45	192.14	180.31	39.2	37.6	37.8	5.19	5.11	4.77	4.49	4.15	3.83
Paper and Allied Products	447.42	457.43	403.62	45.5	48.1	44.5	9.34	9.51	9.07	8.31	7.44	6.71
Leather and Leather Products	189.59	191.88	175.57	36.6	36.9	36.5	5.18	5.20	4.81	4.72	4.23	3.88
Other Nondurable Goods	224.06	229.68	206.95	38.3	39.6	38.9	5.85	5.80	5.32	5.23	4.80	4.25
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	258.23	264.40	237.31	38.6	40.0	38.4	6.69	6.61	6.18	5.85	5.32	4.94
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	219.62	208.62	201.60	37.9	36.6	38.4	5.91	5.70	5.25	5.08	4.66	4.18

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	280.7	279.9	256.2	258.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+ 8.6
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 9.6

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	491.6	496.4	496.8	459.9	467.9	461.4	31.7	28.5	35.4	6.4	5.7	7.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,300	43,300	41,600	40,900	41,100	38,900	2,400	2,200	2,700	5.5	5.1	6.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,500	30,200	31,000	28,500	28,300	28,900	2,000	1,900	2,100	6.6	6.3	6.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	36,800	36,900	38,600	34,600	34,800	35,900	2,200	2,100	2,700	6.0	5.7	7.0
Portland SMSA	92,300	91,100	91,500	87,800	87,100	86,200	4,500	4,000	5,300	4.9	4.4	5.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,340	28,460	28,980	26,530	26,750	26,900	1,810	1,710	2,080	6.4	6.0	7.2
Bath-Brunswick	22,720	22,670	21,110	21,630	21,650	19,820	1,090	1,020	1,290	4.8	4.5	6.1
Belfast	10,190	10,070	10,150	9,230	9,340	9,030	960	730	1,120	9.4	7.2	11.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	6,960	7,540	6,840	6,550	7,170	6,280	410	370	560	5.9	4.9	8.2
Calais-Eastport	14,660	15,170	15,600	13,280	14,110	14,050	1,380	1,060	1,550	9.4	7.0	9.9
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,920	20,600	19,980	18,100	18,870	18,270	1,820	1,730	1,710	9.1	8.4	8.6
Central Penobscot	4,000	4,190	4,490	3,790	4,000	4,270	210	190	220	5.3	4.5	4.9
Dover-Foxcroft	6,680	6,730	6,650	6,410	6,480	6,240	270	250	410	4.0	3.7	6.2
Ellsworth	17,660	18,170	18,960	16,470	17,380	17,590	1,190	790	1,370	6.7	4.3	7.2
Farmington	12,530	12,410	12,990	11,360	11,680	12,090	720	730	900	5.7	5.9	6.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,470	5,150	4,180	4,000	4,730	3,850	470	420	330	10.5	8.2	7.9
Greenville	1,330	1,370	1,170	1,280	1,310	1,110	50	60	60	3.8	4.4	5.1
Houlton	4,560	4,970	4,650	4,190	4,620	4,130	370	350	470	8.1	7.0	10.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,510	5,530	5,390	5,220	5,220	5,080	290	310	310	5.3	5.6	5.8
Livermore Falls	5,120	5,200	5,230	4,690	4,800	4,730	430	400	500	8.4	7.7	9.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,190	4,580	4,480	3,860	4,250	4,040	330	330	440	7.9	7.2	9.8
Mechanic Falls	2,320	2,370	2,470	2,020	2,090	2,230	280	280	240	12.1	11.8	9.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,820	5,860	6,030	5,570	5,630	5,790	250	230	240	4.3	3.9	4.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,270	2,520	2,260	2,080	2,330	1,990	190	190	270	8.4	7.5	11.9
Rockland	15,970	16,460	16,500	14,790	15,690	14,980	1,180	770	1,520	7.4	4.7	9.2
Rumford	20,130	20,320	21,550	18,700	18,910	19,340	1,430	1,410	1,710	7.1	6.9	7.9
Sebago Lake Region	10,570	10,510	10,580	9,910	9,910	9,790	660	600	790	6.2	5.7	7.5
Skowhegan	18,680	18,910	19,390	16,390	16,910	17,650	2,290	2,000	1,740	12.3	10.6	9.0
Kittery-York	15,580	16,940	15,720	15,130	16,490	15,140	450	450	580	2.9	2.7	3.7
Southwest Penobscot	7,240	7,040	7,020	6,540	6,410	6,140	700	630	880	9.7	8.9	12.5
Waterville	21,340	21,280	21,890	19,880	19,900	20,530	1,460	1,380	1,360	6.8	6.5	6.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,607.1	1,597.8	1,614.8	1,505.1	1,499.9	1,526.6	101.9	97.9	88.2	6.3	6.1	5.5
Massachusetts	3,062.0	3,043.0	2,947.0	2,867.0	2,931.0	2,812.0	195.0	212.0	135.0	6.4	7.0	4.6
New Hampshire	n/a	468.8	464.4	n/a	447.7	442.7	n/a	21.1	21.7	n/a	4.5	4.7
Rhode Island	469.9	469.0	462.6	439.1	439.6	434.8	30.8	29.4	27.8	6.6	6.3	6.0
Vermont	n/a	243.8	247.9	n/a	232.4	232.2	n/a	11.4	15.7	n/a	4.7	6.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,822.4	5,736.7	n/a	5,450.6	5,448.3	n/a	371.8	288.4	n/a	6.4	5.0
UNITED STATES 3/	106,864	106,926	105,287	98,393	98,902	97,801	8,470	8,024	7,486	7.9	7.5	7.1

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	13,401	10,780	12,240	1,587	1,317	1,752	878	764	1,032
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.4	2.7	3.0	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

-- OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE LARGEST FIRMS WERE IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

-- THE FIRMS WITH MORE THAN 100 EMPLOYEES COMPRISE 1.7 PERCENT OF THE FIRMS YET EMPLOY ALMOST 45 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S WORKERS.

-- APPROXIMATELY 55 PERCENT OF MAINE'S WORKERS WORK FOR A FIRM WITH FEWER THAN 100 EMPLOYEES.

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EMPLOYMENT AND NUMBER OF FIRMS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS
MAINE, FIRST QUARTER 1981

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE CLASS						NUMBER OF FIRMS BY SIZE CLASS					
	0-3	4-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100+	0-3	4-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100+
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHING*	335	615	497	852	608	882	368	103	37	31	9	3
CONSTRUCTION AND MINING	2,346	3,187	2,624	2,472	979	2,872	2,751	570	200	89	14	12
MANUFACTURING	1,136	2,644	4,276	7,572	10,160	86,713	764	409	294	240	144	239
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	779	1,729	2,202	2,643	2,238	5,879	644	281	160	88	34	22
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,586	2,750	3,710	5,091	2,343	2,723	1,230	478	277	172	40	16
RETAIL TRADE	5,212	12,969	12,325	16,941	9,333	8,288	3,881	2,200	940	583	139	56
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	1,360	2,769	2,393	2,709	2,058	5,173	1,054	466	183	91	30	17
SERVICES	6,967	9,021	6,684	9,313	10,946	29,672	5,438	1,597	506	301	159	103
TOTAL	19,718	35,684	34,711	47,593	38,665	142,202	16,130	6,104	2,597	1,595	569	468

*INCLUDES ESTABLISHMENTS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, FORESTRY, COMMERCIAL FISHING, HUNTING AND TRAPPING, AND RELATED SERVICES. DOES NOT INCLUDE FIRMS ENGAGED IN PROCESSING OR DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS.

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DECEMBER 1981

A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

JOB SERVICE HARDEST HIT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUDGET CUTS

DURING FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 1981 THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECEIVED A TOTAL OF $12,167,455 IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO OPERATE THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. UNDER THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT DECEMBER 11, THE TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING FIGURE WAS REDUCED TO $9,660,494.

THE LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY $2.5 MILLION AFFECTS ALL BUREAU FUNCTIONS AND DIVISIONS INCLUDING JOB SERVICE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, LABOR MARKET INFORMATION, WORK INCENTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT STAFF. EXCLUDING THE WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM, THE TOTAL SHORTFALL TO THE BUREAU FROM FISCAL YEAR 1981 TO FISCAL YEAR 1982 AMOUNTS TO $1,773,901.

THE BUDGET DECISIONS, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S ALLOCATIONS WERE NOT DETERMINED UNTIL WELL AFTER THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR. CONSEQUENTLY IMMEDIATE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES AS WE ARE NOW FOUR MONTHS INTO THE FISCAL YEAR, AND THE CUTS ARE RETROACTIVE TO THE START OF THE FISCAL YEAR. AT PRESENT STAFFING LEVELS, EVERY WEEK THAT GOES BY TRANSLATES DIRECTLY INTO THE LOSS OF MORE POSITIONS.

IN FISCAL YEAR 1981 THE JOB SERVICE RECEIVED FROM FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE GRANTS $2,357,845. THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION FIGURE WAS REDUCED TO $1,447,776, A LOSS OF NEARLY $1 MILLION, OR 39 PERCENT OF THE DIVISION'S BUDGET. THIS REDUCTION IS IN ADDITION TO CUTS MADE PREVIOUSLY IN AUGUST TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1981 BUDGET.

IN NUMBERS OF POSITIONS, THE REDUCTION MEANS THAT OF THE 135 POSITIONS ALLOCATED IN FISCAL YEAR 1982, THE JOB SERVICE MUST BE REDUCED IMMEDIATELY TO 69 POSITIONS, A LOSS OF 66.

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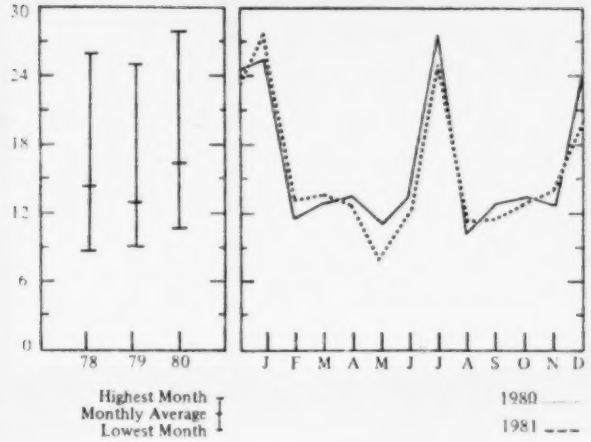
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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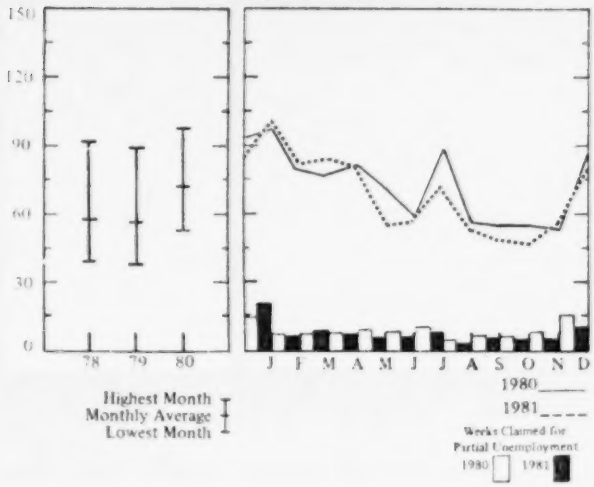


Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employee

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980
Manufacturing	2.7	3.6	2.7	1.6	2.3	1.9	0.7	1.0	0.6	4.2	4.8	4.5	1.1	1.7	1.5	2.3	2.3	2.3
Durable Goods	2.7	2.9	2.3	1.3	1.8	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	3.2	3.9	3.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	5.3	5.0	3.8	2.0	2.9	2.3	2.4	1.4	1.1	6.7	7.5	4.5	1.5	1.9	1.6	4.1	4.2	1.8
Metals and Machinery	2.2	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.5	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	2.0	2.5	2.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.2	2.1	2.0	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.8	1.3
Nondurable Goods	2.5	4.0	3.0	1.7	2.6	2.2	0.6	1.2	0.7	4.7	5.4	5.5	1.2	2.0	1.9	2.7	2.6	2.8
Food and Kindred Products	2.8	5.1	3.3	1.7	2.6	2.3	0.9	2.5	0.9	13.6	9.9	13.2	1.4	2.6	2.4	10.5	6.9	8.2
Textile Mill Products	4.3	4.9	4.2	2.5	3.5	2.8	1.5	0.9	1.1	4.8	7.2	5.4	1.9	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.7	2.4
Apparel	4.2	5.2	2.5	3.5	4.7	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	3.0	2.9	3.4	1.6	1.8	2.1	0.1	0.3	0.7
Paper and Allied Products	0.5	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.8	1.6	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Leather and Leather Products	3.0	5.3	4.0	2.2	3.3	2.9	0.7	1.9	1.0	5.2	7.5	6.5	1.4	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.1
Other Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.8	3.9	2.2	2.9	2.6	0.7	0.7	1.2	3.7	3.7	5.0	1.7	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.0	3.0

Female Labor Force in Maine
in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	205.9	207.9	207.5
Unemployed	13.9	15.0	16.6
(Percent)	6.8	7.2	8.0
Resident Employed	192.0	192.9	190.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0

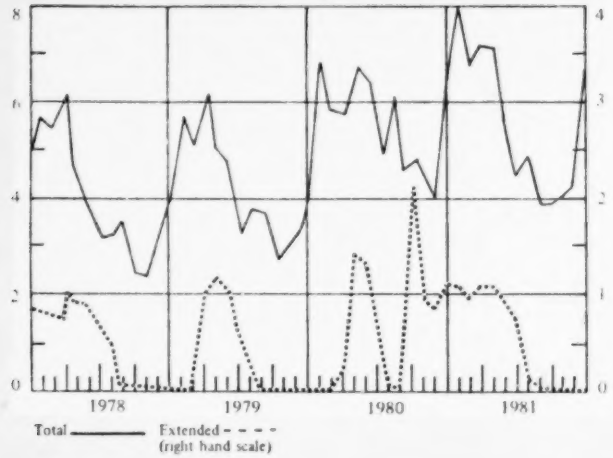
1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

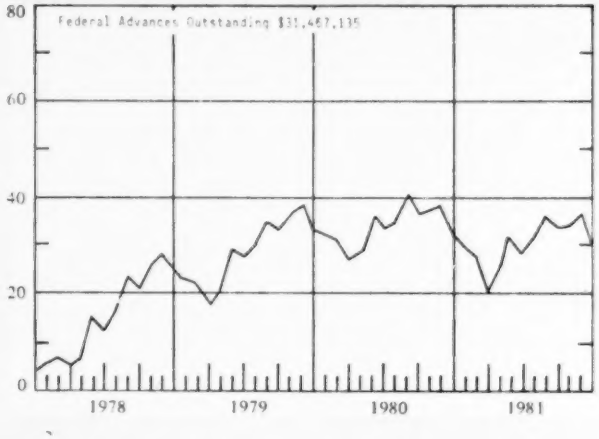
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

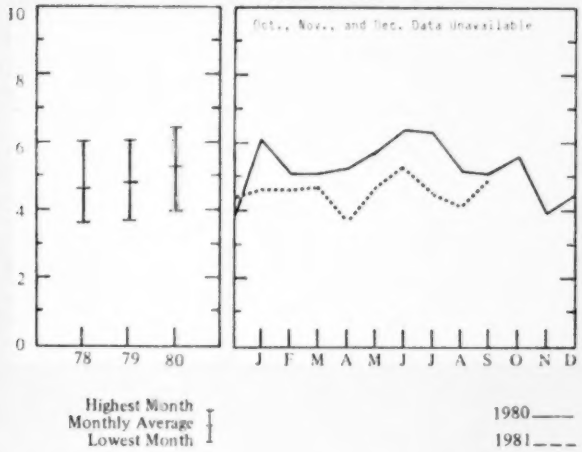
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	411.9	413.9	421.2	96.2	95.9	94.0	33.9	34.3	35.6
Total Manufacturing	110.2	110.6	114.4	18.0	18.0	18.3	10.9	11.0	12.0
Durable Goods	41.2	40.6	41.8	7.3	7.3	8.0	1.9	1.9	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.7	12.3	13.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.6	16.5	16.7	6.5	6.5	6.7	1.6	1.6	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.9	11.8	11.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.3
Nondurable Goods	69.0	70.0	72.6	10.7	10.7	10.3	8.9	9.1	9.9
Food and Kindred Products	8.6	8.7	10.1	2.5	2.4	2.6	0.9	0.9	1.3
Textile Mill Products	7.6	7.7	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.9	1.9
Apparel	5.1	5.2	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	18.2	18.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.2	20.7	21.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.9)	(17.2)	(17.8)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.0)	(3.2)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.3)	(3.5)	(3.5)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.3	9.5	9.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	2.2	2.2	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	301.7	303.3	306.8	78.2	77.9	75.7	23.1	23.3	23.6
Contract Construction	18.1	19.2	18.8	3.4	3.7	3.7	1.1	1.1	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.2	18.5	18.8	5.4	5.4	5.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	87.0	86.1	90.1	27.3	26.9	25.5	8.2	8.3	8.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.9	16.8	16.5	7.9	7.8	7.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.6	78.0	77.2	20.9	20.6	19.6	7.9	8.0	7.6
Government	83.9	84.7	85.4	13.3	13.5	13.6	3.1	3.1	3.3
Federal	(18.7)	(18.5)	(18.4)	(1.4)	(1.3)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(65.2)	(66.2)	(67.0)	(11.9)	(12.2)	(12.2)	(2.8)	(2.8)	(3.0)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

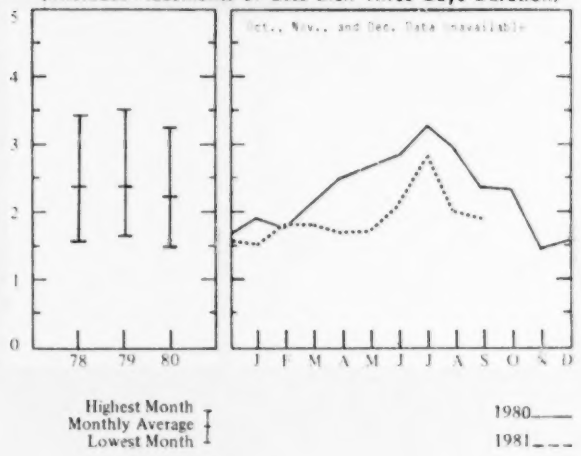
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1980	1979	1978
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$281.07	$278.40	$257.58	40.5	40.0	40.5	$6.94	$6.96	$6.36	$6.00	$5.42	$4.91
Durable Goods	297.27	297.34	273.32	40.5	40.4	41.1	7.34	7.36	6.65	6.27	5.61	5.13
Lumber and Wood Products	274.33	275.62	263.22	39.7	39.6	41.0	6.91	6.96	6.42	6.08	5.49	5.02
Metals and Machinery	280.14	272.92	260.41	40.6	39.9	41.4	6.90	6.84	6.29	5.87	5.27	4.92
Other Durable Goods	348.59	356.16	306.06	41.4	42.0	40.7	8.42	8.48	7.52	7.09	6.26	5.63
Nondurable Goods	270.68	267.58	248.22	40.4	39.7	40.1	6.70	6.74	6.19	5.85	5.31	4.79
Food and Kindred Products	227.15	223.29	191.35	39.3	38.3	35.9	5.78	5.83	5.33	5.01	4.65	4.25
Textile Mill Products	208.26	207.90	206.91	39.0	38.5	41.3	5.34	5.40	5.01	4.79	4.40	4.03
Apparel	194.29	203.45	171.08	37.8	39.2	36.4	5.14	5.19	4.70	4.49	4.15	3.83
Paper and Allied Products	445.90	447.42	406.14	46.4	45.5	46.1	9.61	9.38	8.81	8.31	7.44	6.71
Leather and Leather Products	196.27	189.59	183.40	37.6	36.6	37.2	5.22	5.18	4.93	4.72	4.23	3.88
Other Nondurable Goods	231.25	224.06	218.25	38.8	38.3	39.9	5.96	5.85	5.47	5.23	4.80	4.25
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	265.67	258.23	248.62	39.3	38.6	40.1	6.76	6.69	6.20	5.85	5.32	4.94
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	217.74	219.62	206.82	38.0	37.8	38.3	5.73	5.81	5.40	5.08	4.66	4.18

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	281.5	280.7	258.4	258.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+8.9
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+8.9

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	492.3	491.6	498.2	460.7	459.9	458.8	31.6	31.7	39.4	6.4	6.4	7.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,700	43,300	41,300	40,400	40,900	38,000	2,300	2,400	3,300	5.4	5.5	8.0
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,600	30,500	30,900	28,500	28,500	28,800	2,100	2,000	2,100	6.9	6.6	6.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,000	36,800	39,800	34,600	34,600	36,100	2,400	2,200	3,700	6.5	6.0	9.3
Portland SMSA	92,800	92,300	92,100	88,500	87,800	86,600	4,300	4,500	5,500	4.6	4.9	6.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,630	28,340	28,920	26,900	26,530	26,670	1,730	1,810	2,250	6.0	6.4	7.8
Bath Brunswick	22,820	22,720	21,150	21,720	21,630	19,750	1,100	1,090	1,400	4.8	4.8	6.6
Belfast	9,940	10,190	10,130	8,960	9,230	8,730	980	960	1,400	9.9	9.4	13.8
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,020	6,960	6,770	6,570	6,550	6,150	450	410	620	6.4	5.9	9.2
Calais Eastport	14,400	14,660	15,080	13,050	13,280	13,500	1,350	1,390	1,580	9.4	9.4	10.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,770	19,920	20,320	17,930	18,100	18,220	1,840	1,820	2,100	9.3	9.1	10.3
Central Penobscot	3,920	4,000	4,540	3,730	3,790	4,280	190	210	260	4.8	5.2	5.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,760	6,680	6,810	6,480	6,410	6,370	280	270	440	4.1	4.0	6.5
Ellsworth	17,250	17,660	18,510	16,020	16,470	16,890	1,230	1,190	1,620	7.1	6.7	8.8
Farmington	12,750	12,580	13,220	11,950	11,960	12,320	800	720	900	6.3	5.7	6.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,510	4,470	4,210	4,040	4,000	3,810	470	470	400	10.4	10.5	9.5
Greenville	1,450	1,330	1,220	1,390	1,280	1,170	60	50	50	4.1	3.8	4.1
Houlton	4,500	4,560	4,600	4,160	4,190	4,150	340	370	450	7.6	8.1	9.8
Lincoln Howland	5,510	5,510	5,380	5,240	5,220	5,070	270	290	310	4.9	5.3	5.8
Livermore Falls	5,190	5,120	5,350	4,760	4,690	4,740	430	430	610	8.3	8.4	11.4
Madawaska Van Buren	4,270	4,190	4,540	3,930	3,860	4,030	340	330	510	8.0	7.9	11.2
Mechanic Falls	2,320	2,320	2,490	2,050	2,040*	2,220	270	280	270	11.6	12.1	10.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,840	5,820	6,040	5,590	5,570	5,790	250	250	250	4.3	4.3	4.1
Patten Island Falls	2,280	2,270	2,240	2,090	2,090	1,960	190	190	280	8.3	8.4	12.5
Rockland	15,890	15,970	16,060	14,840	14,790	14,630	1,050	1,180	1,430	6.6	7.4	8.9
Rumford	20,540	20,130	22,020	18,960	18,700	20,180	1,580	1,430	1,840	7.7	7.1	8.4
Sebago Lake Region	10,620	10,570	10,610	10,000	9,910	9,800	620	660	810	5.8	6.2	7.6
Skowhegan	18,670	18,680	19,450	16,490	16,390	17,510	2,180	2,290	1,940	11.7	12.3	10.0
Kittery-York	15,590	15,590	15,310	15,090	15,130	14,690	500	450	620	3.2	2.9	4.0
Southwest Penobscot	7,280	7,240	7,200	6,580	6,540	6,140	700	700	1,060	9.6	9.7	14.7
Waterville	21,670	21,340	21,940	20,240	19,980	20,520	1,430	1,460	1,420	6.6	6.8	6.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,607.1	1,627.1	n/a	1,505.1	1,533.1	n/a	101.9	93.9	n/a	6.3	5.8
Massachusetts	3,045.0	3,062.0	2,954.0	2,834.0	2,867.0	2,826.0	211.0	195.0	129.0	6.9	6.4	4.4
New Hampshire	n/a	468.2	468.2	n/a	444.8	444.8	n/a	23.4	23.4	n/a	5.0	5.0
Rhode Island	471.7	469.9	463.6	434.8	439.1	434.1	36.9	30.8	29.6	7.8	6.6	6.4
Vermont	242.6	240.7	248.9	229.3	228.1	233.4	13.3	12.6	15.5	5.5	5.2	6.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,847.8	5,762.8	n/a	5,484.1	5,471.4	n/a	363.7	291.4	n/a	6.2	5.1
UNITED STATES 3/	106,250	106,864	104,778	97,442	98,393	97,545	8,807	8,470	7,233	8.3	7.9	6.9

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.
* Amended

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,910	13,401	15,269	1,893	1,587	2,002	1,096	878	1,140
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.0	3.4	3.8	2.3	2.0	2.5	3.3	2.7	3.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as

IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: BRUNSWICK, CALAIS, ELLSWORTH, ROCKLAND, RUMFORD, SANFORD, AND WATERVILLE. THESE SEVEN OFFICES COMBINED PROVIDED SERVICE TO 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS USING THE JOB SERVICE IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR.

JOB SERVICE OFFICES IN PORTLAND, LEWISTON, BANGOR, BIDDEFORD, AUGUSTA, SKOWHEGAN, AND PRESQUE ISLE WILL REMAIN OPEN AT REDUCED STAFFING LEVELS. IN SANFORD AND WATERVILLE, SOME SERVICES MAY BE MAINTAINED BY THE USE OF ONE OR TWO POSITIONS COUPLED WITH CETA POSITIONS. OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR SOME FORM OF SERVICE EXISTS IN THE CALAIS, ROCKLAND, BRUNSWICK, AND MADAWASKA AREAS WITH CETA STAFF AND USE OF ONE OR TWO UNASSIGNED POSITIONS.

IN COMMUNITIES WHERE JOB SERVICE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED, ITINERANT SERVICES WILL BE SCHEDULED. THE JOB MATCHING SYSTEM OF COMPUTER TERMINALS WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE EMPLOYER JOB ORDERS AND MATCH UP SUITABLE POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES WHO WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL OR PHONE. NO INDIVIDUALS WILL BE ASKED TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THEIR REGULAR PLACES OF RESIDENCE OR PRESENT AREA. THIS DEPARTMENT IS DETERMINED TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO CLIENTS AND THE PUBLIC TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. ALL DECISIONS REGARDING STAFF AND BUDGET REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN WEIGHED AND CONSIDERED CAREFULLY IN ORDER THAT WE MAY PROVIDE THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF SERVICE TO THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

THE LABOR TURNOVER STATISTICS PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) IN COOPERATION WITH EACH OF THE STATES HAS OPERATED THE LABOR TURNOVER STATISTICS PROGRAM (LTS) SINCE 1929. THE PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC ECONOMIC MEASURES RELATING TO THE RATE AT WHICH WORKERS MOVE INTO AND OUT OF JOBS. LTS WAS WELL ACCEPTED BY MAINE EMPLOYERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN MONTHLY SURVEYS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM WAS WELL ESTABLISHED AND ACCEPTED, FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS AND DIFFICULT CHOICES MADE BY BLS RESULTED IN THE TERMINATION OF THE PROGRAM AT THE END OF 1981.

IN MAINE, THE LTS PROGRAM WAS RUN BY THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. EACH MONTH A SELECTED SAMPLE OF MAINE MANUFACTURING FIRMS WERE SURVEYED TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF ACCESSIONS AND SEPARATIONS IN THE PAST MONTH. APPROXIMATELY 500 FIRMS PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM REPRESENTING ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF MAINE'S MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT.

THE LABOR TURNOVER DATA REPORTED BY INDIVIDUAL FIRMS WAS AGGREGATED TO DEVELOP MONTHLY RATES FOR SPECIFIC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS A TOTAL FOR MANUFACTURING. WITHIN EACH INDUSTRY, SEPARATE RATES WERE PROVIDED FOR TOTAL ACCESSIONS, NEW HIRES, RECALLS, TOTAL SEPARATIONS, QUITS, AND LAYOFFS. ACCESSION RATES INDICATED THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS ADDED TO A PAYROLL IN A GIVEN PERIOD PER 100 EMPLOYEES. SEPARATION RATES INDICATED THE AVERAGE NUMBER DROPPED FROM A PAYROLL PER 100 EMPLOYEES.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES WERE USED BY MAINE PLANNERS, BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. FOR A FIRM, THE DATA PROVIDED A BENCHMARK AGAINST WHICH ITS PERFORMANCE COULD BE COMPARED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A

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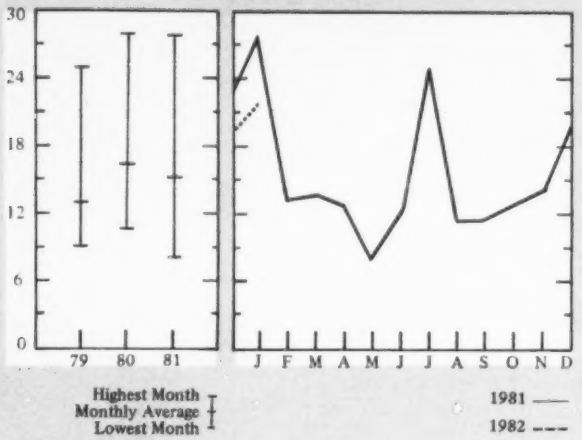
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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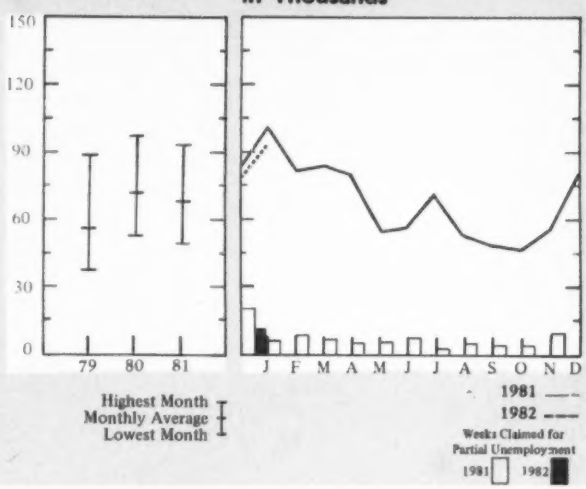


Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employees

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Manufacturing	2.1	2.6	2.8	1.2	1.5	1.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	3.5	4.3	4.9	0.8	1.0	1.2	2.0	2.5	3.1
Durable Goods	1.8	2.6	2.3	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.4	0.7	0.6	3.3	3.2	2.7	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.9	1.6	1.1
Lumber and Wood Products	3.1	5.0	4.0	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.0	2.3	1.4	6.4	6.5	4.4	0.9	1.4	1.9	4.5	4.1	1.7
Metals and Machinery	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.8	2.1	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.9	1.3	2.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	1.6
Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.7	2.9	1.2	1.7	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	3.7	5.1	6.2	0.9	1.2	1.3	2.1	3.0	4.3
Food and Kindred Products	2.6	2.9	6.1	1.5	1.6	3.3	1.1	1.1	2.8	3.8	13.4	9.2	0.8	1.4	1.1	2.8	10.3	7.3
Textile Mill Products	4.0	4.0	4.6	2.0	2.4	2.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	6.1	4.5	3.7	1.9	1.8	1.6	3.5	2.1	1.5
Apparel	1.6	4.3	3.4	1.4	3.6	2.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	3.5	3.0	1.7	1.3	1.6	0.8	1.7	0.1	0.9
Paper and Allied Products	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.5	1.0	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.8
Leather and Leather Products	3.0	3.3	2.9	1.5	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.2	0.6	4.9	6.5	11.5	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.8	4.2	8.8
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	3.1	2.5	1.5	2.2	2.1	0.6	0.7	0.3	2.9	3.7	4.9	1.1	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.4	2.2

Female Labor Force in Maine
in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	205.2	205.9	200.8
Unemployed	16.3	13.9	17.6
(Percent)	7.9	6.8	8.8
Resident Employed	188.9	192.0	183.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0

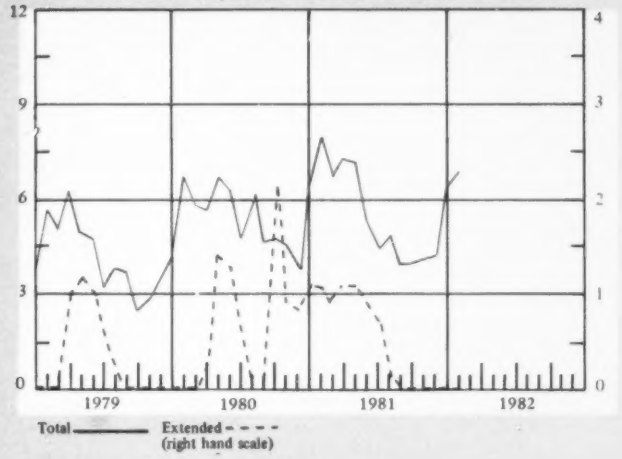
* Preliminary estimates

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

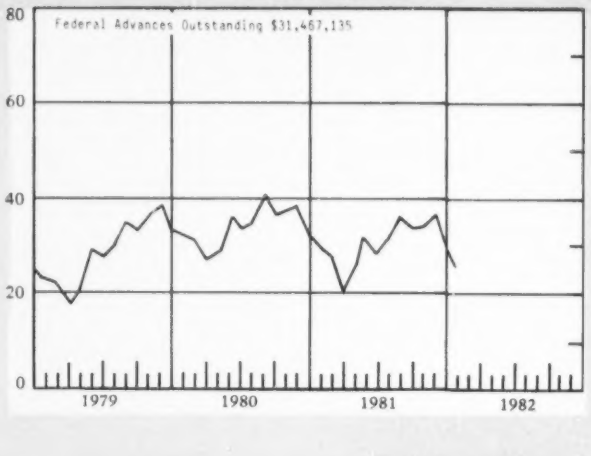
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

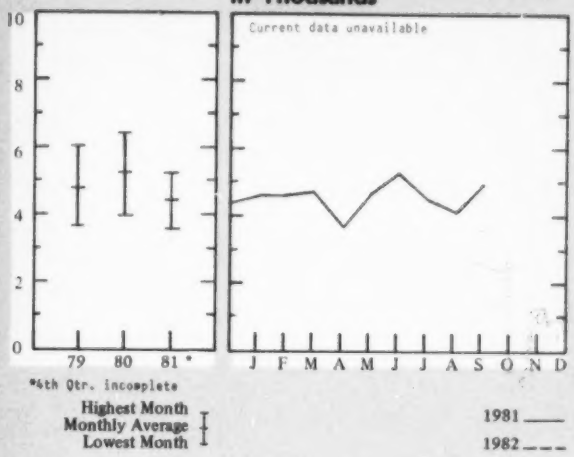
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	400.5	412.3	406.7	92.2	94.9	90.2	33.3	34.5	34.1
Total Manufacturing	108.7	110.1	112.8	17.6	17.5	18.5	11.1	11.4	11.8
Durable Goods	40.7	41.4	41.0	7.6	7.5	7.9	2.0	2.1	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.8	13.1	13.8	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.3	16.6	16.3	6.8	6.8	6.7	1.6	1.7	1.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.6	11.7	10.9	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods	68.0	68.7	71.8	10.0	10.0	10.6	9.1	9.3	9.9
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.3	9.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.2
Textile Mill Products	7.6	7.6	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	2.0
Apparel	4.7	4.8	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	18.0	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Leather and Leather Products	19.6	20.0	21.5	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.5)	(16.7)	(18.1)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.1)	(3.2)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.1)	(3.3)	(3.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	10.0	9.8	4.7	4.6	4.8	2.4	2.5	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	291.8	302.2	293.9	74.6	77.4	71.7	22.2	23.1	22.3
Contract Construction	14.1	16.3	15.1	3.3	3.5	3.2	1.0	1.2	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.8	17.9	18.2	5.5	5.6	5.5	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	85.1	88.6	83.6	24.9	26.2	23.5	7.7	8.2	7.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.3	17.2	16.5	7.7	7.7	7.3	1.7	1.8	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	76.1	77.8	76.6	20.9	21.4	19.5	7.6	7.6	7.5
Government	81.4	84.4	83.9	12.3	13.0	12.7	3.0	3.1	3.1
Federal	(18.1)	(18.1)	(17.6)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(63.3)	(66.3)	(66.3)	(10.9)	(11.6)	(11.3)	(2.7)	(2.8)	(2.8)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

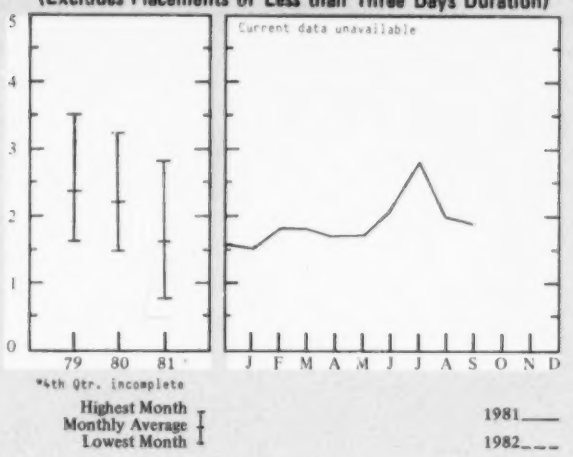
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago			
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$275.71	$281.07	$260.58	39.7	40.5	40.4	$6.97	$6.94	$6.45	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	294.59	297.27	277.98	40.3	40.5	41.0	7.31	7.34	6.78	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	269.21	274.33	266.26	39.3	39.7	40.9	6.85	6.91	6.51	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	273.32	280.14	259.67	39.9	40.6	40.7	6.85	6.90	6.38	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	356.17	348.59	322.34	42.1	41.4	41.7	8.46	8.42	7.73	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	266.34	270.68	251.03	39.4	40.4	40.1	6.76	6.70	6.26	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	213.65	227.15	196.38	36.9	39.3	36.1	5.79	5.78	5.44	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	211.83	208.26	209.66	39.3	39.0	41.6	5.39	5.34	5.04	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	183.09	194.29	180.00	35.9	37.8	37.5	5.10	5.14	4.80	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	441.18	445.90	409.79	46.1	46.4	46.2	9.57	9.61	8.87	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	192.60	196.27	180.54	36.0	37.6	36.4	5.35	5.22	4.96	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	229.52	231.25	224.62	38.0	38.8	40.4	6.04	5.96	5.56	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	265.34	265.67	246.64	33.4	39.3	39.4	6.91	6.76	6.26	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	214.64	217.74	205.09	37.2	38.0	37.7	5.77	5.73	5.44	5.57	5.08	4.66

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	282.5	281.5	260.5	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4
Percent Change from Last December	+0.4
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+8.4

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	492.2	501.1	497.2	451.3	462.8	452.4	40.9	38.3	44.8	8.3	7.6	9.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	40,700	42,700	41,100	38,000	40,400	37,700	2,700	2,300	3,400	6.6	5.4	8.3
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,900	30,600	30,100	28,300	28,500	27,500	2,600	2,100	2,600	8.4	6.9	8.6
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,900	37,000	39,000	34,500	34,600	34,600	3,400	2,400	4,400	9.0	6.5	11.3
Portland SMSA	92,000	92,800	89,200	86,800	88,500	83,100	5,200	4,300	6,100	5.7	4.6	6.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,930	28,630	28,200	26,610	26,900	25,540	2,320	1,730	2,660	8.0	6.0	9.4
Bath-Brunswick	22,160	22,820	20,470	20,810	21,720	18,850	1,350	1,100	1,620	6.1	4.8	7.9
Belfast	10,090	9,940	10,140	8,750	8,960	8,390	1,340	980	1,750	13.3	9.9	17.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	6,990	7,020	6,390	6,350	6,570	5,500	640	450	890	9.2	6.4	13.9
Calais-Eastport	14,380	14,400	14,690	12,560	13,050	12,500	1,820	1,350	2,190	12.7	9.4	14.9
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,980	19,770	19,600	17,670	17,930	17,430	2,310	1,840	2,170	11.6	9.3	11.1
Central Penobscot	3,580	3,920	4,380	3,320	3,730	4,080	260	190	300	7.3	4.8	6.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,480	6,760	6,640	6,120	6,480	6,090	360	280	550	5.6	4.1	8.3
Ellsworth	17,920	17,250	17,480	16,190	16,020	15,380	1,730	1,230	2,100	9.7	7.1	12.0
Farmington	12,580	12,750	12,370	11,680	11,950	11,460	300	800	910	7.2	6.3	7.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,880	4,510	4,150	4,260	4,040	3,680	620	470	470	12.7	10.4	11.3
Greenville	1,750	1,450	1,290	1,670	1,390	1,200	80	60	90	4.6	4.1	7.0
Houlton	4,590	4,500	4,450	4,110	4,160	3,980	480	340	470	10.5	7.6	10.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,570	5,510	5,290	5,220	5,240	4,870	350	270	420	6.3	4.9	7.9
Livermore Falls	5,610	5,190	5,290	4,990	4,760	4,560	620	430	730	11.1	8.3	13.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,330	4,270	4,330	3,820	3,930	3,800	510	340	530	11.8	8.0	12.2
Mechanic Falls	2,280	2,320	2,450	1,930	2,050	2,120	350	270	330	15.4	11.6	13.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,380	5,840	5,870	5,040	5,590	5,570	340	250	300	6.3	4.3	5.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,330	2,280	2,270	2,130	2,090	1,970	200	190	300	8.6	8.3	13.2
Rockland	15,860	15,890	15,810	14,390	14,840	13,880	1,470	1,050	1,930	9.3	6.6	12.2
Rumford	20,500	20,540	21,650	18,490	18,960	19,630	2,010	1,580	2,020	9.8	7.7	9.3
Sebago Lake Region	9,970	10,620	10,380	9,190	10,000	9,370	780	620	1,010	7.8	5.8	9.7
Skowhegan	18,920	18,670	19,080	16,230	16,490	16,770	2,690	2,180	2,310	14.2	11.7	12.1
Kittery-York	16,750	15,590	14,400	16,050	15,090	13,610	700	500	790	4.2	3.2	5.5
Southwest Penobscot	7,870	7,280	7,040	6,910	6,580	5,910	960	700	1,130	12.2	9.6	16.1
Waterville	21,120	21,670	21,110	19,310	20,240	19,350	1,810	1,430	1,760	8.6	6.6	8.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,625.0	1,599.6	n/a	1,518.4	1,486.6	n/a	106.6	113.0	n/a	6.6	7.1
Massachusetts	2,992.0	3,045.0	2,911.0	2,754.0	2,834.0	2,724.0	238.0	211.0	188.0	8.0	6.9	6.4
New Hampshire	n/a	468.6	457.8	n/a	445.8	431.9	n/a	22.8	25.9	n/a	4.9	5.7
Rhode Island	472.5	471.7	459.5	427.0	434.8	422.4	45.5	36.9	37.1	9.6	7.8	8.1
Vermont	260.7	242.6	243.4	240.0	229.3	228.6	20.7	13.3	14.8	7.9	5.5	6.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,852.9	5,672.3	n/a	5,462.3	5,293.5	n/a	390.6	378.8	n/a	6.7	6.7
UNITED STATES 3/	108,014	108,574	106,885	97,831	99,562	98,139	10,183	9,013	8,746	9.4	8.3	8.2

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment date for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ For Maine and the U.S. current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised. For all other areas current, last month, and year ago figures are preliminary.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	19,029	15,910	19,983	2,245	1,893	2,548	1,465	1,096	1,595
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.9	4.0	5.0	2.8	2.3	3.2	4.5	3.3	4.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

FIRM'S RATE FOR QUITS WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE INDUSTRY, THE FIRM MIGHT HAVE WANTED TO EXAMINE ITS HIRING POLICY, WAGES, AND/OR WORKING CONDITIONS. REDUCING TURNOVER COULD INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND REDUCE TRAINING AND HIRING COSTS.

TURNOVER RATES WERE ALSO USED EXTENSIVELY AS LEADING INDICATORS OF GENERAL ECONOMIC TRENDS. AN ANALYSIS OF THESE RATES REVEALED THAT AS PROSPEROUS TIMES APPROACHED, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO QUIT THEIR JOBS OR ACCEPTED NEW JOBS INCREASED BECAUSE OF THE IMPROVING NUMBER OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, BUSINESS LEADERS AND ECONOMISTS WATCHING LTS FIGURES FOUND THAT DECREASING NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO QUIT THEIR JOBS AND A DECLINING NUMBER OF WORKERS ENTERING NEW JOBS WERE KEY SIGNALS OFTEN ANNOUNCING AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

LABOR TURNOVER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR THE YEARS 1958 THROUGH 1981 FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH.

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

ON FEBRUARY 21, MAINE JOINED THE RANKS OF STATES PAYING EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

THE EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM PROVIDES UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 13 WEEKS OF BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO EXHAUSTED THEIR CLAIMS UNDER THE REGULAR BENEFITS PROGRAM. AS OF MARCH 20, 1982, OVER 5,600 UNEMPLOYED MAINE WORKERS HAVE APPLIED FOR EXTENDED BENEFITS. THE COST OF THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS IS SHARED EQUALLY BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SYSTEMS IN MOST INSTANCES AND THE FEDERAL MONEY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE REPAID.

EXTENDED BENEFITS ARE TRIGGERED "ON" STATEWIDE WHEN THE STATE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR A 13-WEEK PERIOD EQUALS OR EXCEEDS 5.0 PERCENT. THE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS BASED UPON THOSE PEOPLE ACTUALLY FILING CLAIMS FOR REGULAR BENEFITS AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WORKERS COVERED BY THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM. THE INSURED RATE SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WHICH MEASURES THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL LABOR FORCE WHICH IS UNEMPLOYED.

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE INCREASE IN INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT ARE THE CONTINUOUSLY WORSENING NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECESSION AND THE USUAL SEASONAL INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN MAINE.

NOTICES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED BENEFITS HAVE AND CONTINUE TO BE SENT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY QUALIFY.

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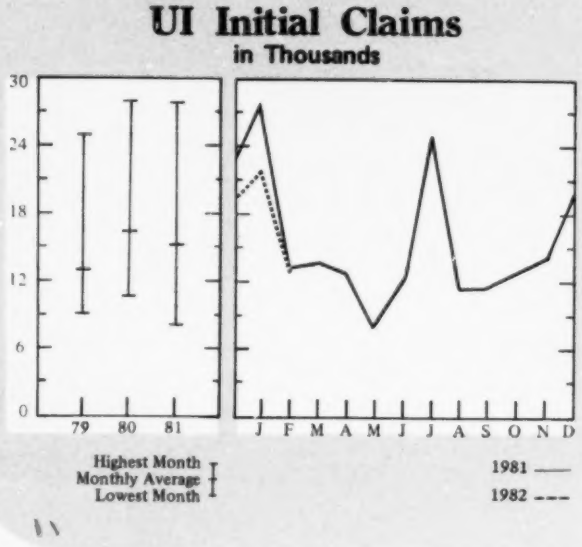

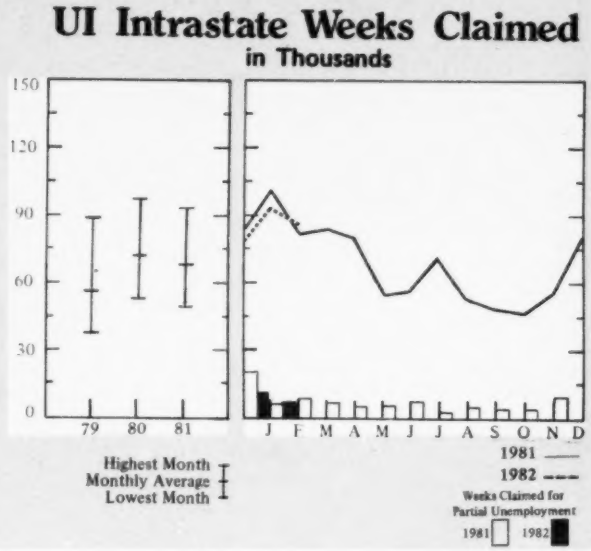

REVIEW OF THE MAINE ECONOMY FOR 1981

MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR 1981 WAS BELOW THE NATIONAL RATE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. NOT SINCE 1956 HAS MAINE HAD AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BELOW THAT OF THE NATION. IN 1981 THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 7.2 PERCENT, DOWN FROM 7.8 PERCENT IN 1980, AND LOWER THAN THE 1981 NATIONAL RATE OF 7.6 PERCENT.

WHILE THE MAINE ECONOMY SHOWED REMARKABLE STRENGTH WHEN COMPARED TO THE NATION, THE RECESSION DID HAVE AN EFFECT ON MAINE DURING THE PAST YEAR. BOTH LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT GROWTH SLOWED. RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT DECLINED RAPIDLY FROM A HIGH OF 496,200 IN SEPTEMBER TO 462,800 IN DECEMBER. NORMAL SEASONAL DECLINES CONTRIBUTED TO THE SHARP DECLINE, BUT THE CONTINUOUSLY WORSENING NATIONAL ECONOMY WAS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR.

THE SLOWED GROWTH OF THE LABOR FORCE MAY BE DUE TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS INCLUDING FEWER YOUTH ENTERING THE LABOR FORCE, RETIREMENT AT AN EARLIER AGE, AND AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DISCOURAGED WORKERS. DISCOURAGED WORKERS ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO, WHEN FACED WITH POOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, NO LONGER SEEK EMPLOYMENT AND THUS ARE NOT COUNTED IN THE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS. NATIONAL ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF DISCOURAGED WORKERS INDICATE AN INCREASE OF OVER 12 PERCENT FROM 1980 THROUGH 1981.

THERE WAS LITTLE CHANGE IN TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE BETWEEN 1980 AND 1981. EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING FELL BY 400 WHILE THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR RECORDED A LOSS OF 800 JOBS.

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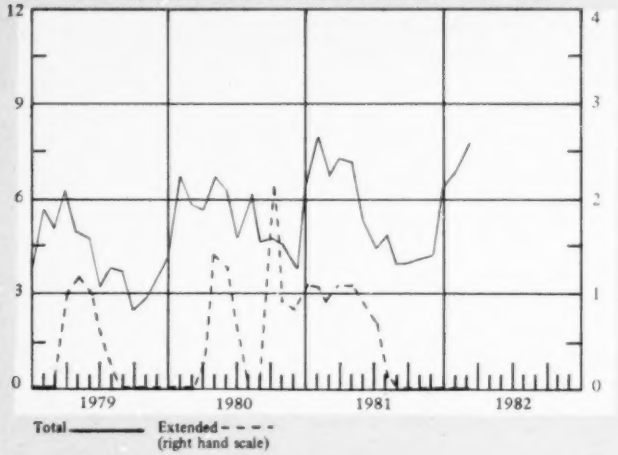
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

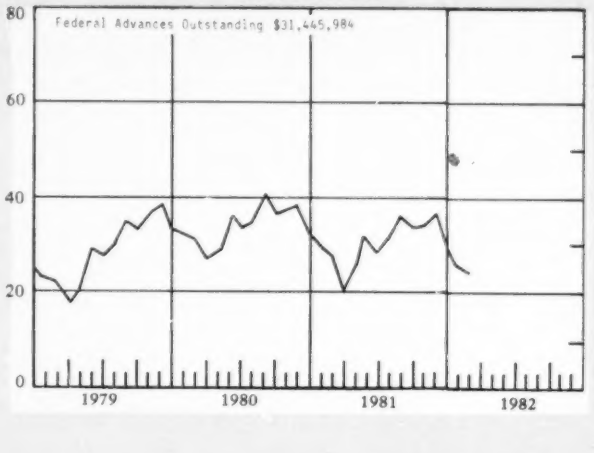
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

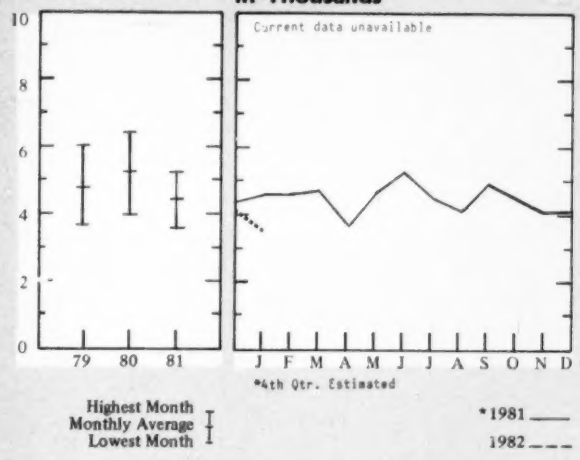
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	399.7	400.5	405.4	92.4	92.2	89.6	32.9	33.3	34.1
Total Manufacturing	107.4	108.7	112.8	17.4	17.6	18.3	10.8	11.1	11.8
Durable Goods	40.4	40.7	41.0	7.6	7.6	7.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.4	12.8	13.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.4	16.3	16.2	6.8	6.8	6.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.6	11.6	11.1	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods	67.0	68.0	71.8	9.8	10.0	10.5	8.8	9.1	9.9
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.3	9.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.9	0.9	1.2
Textile Mill Products	7.6	7.6	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	2.0
Apparel	4.6	4.7	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.8	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.0	19.6	21.7	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.0)	(16.5)	(18.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.9)	(3.1)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.0)	(3.1)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.8	10.0	9.6	4.5	4.7	4.8	2.3	2.4	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	292.3	291.8	292.6	75.0	74.6	71.3	22.1	22.2	22.3
Contract Construction	12.7	14.1	13.8	3.2	3.3	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.9	17.8	17.9	5.4	5.5	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	83.5	85.1	82.4	24.7	24.9	23.1	7.6	7.7	7.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.2	17.3	16.5	7.7	7.7	7.3	1.8	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	76.7	76.1	76.5	20.9	20.9	19.3	7.6	7.6	7.5
Government	84.3	81.4	85.5	13.1	12.3	13.2	2.9	3.0	3.2
Federal	(18.1)	(18.1)	(17.6)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(66.2)	(63.3)	(67.9)	(11.7)	(10.9)	(11.8)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

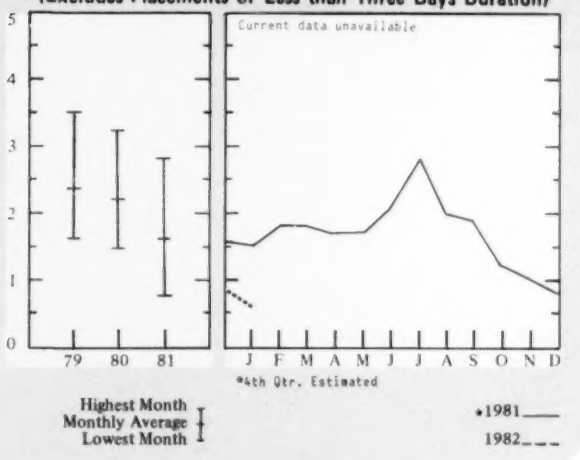
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$278.50	$276.71	$257.20	39.9	39.7	40.0	$6.97	$6.97	$6.43	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	293.20	294.59	271.22	40.0	40.3	40.3	7.33	7.31	6.73	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	268.77	269.21	259.37	39.7	39.3	40.4	6.77	6.85	6.42	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	280.50	273.32	256.48	39.9	39.9	40.2	7.03	6.85	6.38	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	340.63	356.17	308.66	40.6	42.1	40.4	8.39	8.46	7.64	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	269.84	266.34	249.38	39.8	39.4	39.9	6.78	6.76	6.25	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	220.02	213.65	200.54	38.0	36.9	37.0	5.79	5.79	5.42	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	211.58	211.83	205.73	39.4	39.3	41.9	5.37	5.39	4.91	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	187.17	183.09	180.48	36.7	35.9	37.6	5.10	5.10	4.80	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	440.09	441.18	404.06	45.7	46.1	45.4	9.63	9.57	8.90	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	199.80	192.60	181.50	37.0	36.0	36.3	5.40	5.35	5.00	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	231.95	229.52	218.79	37.9	38.0	39.0	6.12	6.04	5.61	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	275.80	265.34	245.94	39.4	38.4	39.1	7.00	6.91	6.29	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	214.48	214.64	202.50	37.3	37.2	37.5	5.75	5.77	5.40	5.57	5.08	4.66

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	283.4	282.5	263.2	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+0.7
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+7.7

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	497.5	492.2	492.3	453.4	451.3	452.2	44.1	40.9	40.1	8.9	8.3	8.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,500	40,700	41,100	39,700	38,000	38,300	2,800	2,700	2,800	6.6	6.6	6.8
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,100	30,900	31,100	28,200	28,300	28,600	2,900	2,600	2,500	9.3	8.4	8.0
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,800	37,900	38,200	34,200	34,500	35,300	3,600	3,400	2,900	9.5	9.0	7.6
Portland SMSA	93,500	92,000	90,000	87,400	86,800	84,400	6,100	5,200	5,600	6.5	5.7	6.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,340	28,930	29,220	26,810	26,610	26,820	2,530	2,320	2,400	8.6	8.0	8.2
Bath-Brunswick	22,370	22,160	21,380	21,020	20,810	19,970	1,350	1,350	1,410	6.0	6.1	6.6
Belfast	10,210	10,090	10,300	8,770	8,750	8,700	1,440	1,340	1,600	14.1	13.3	15.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	6,910	6,990	6,760	6,230	6,350	6,020	680	640	740	9.8	9.2	10.9
Calais-Eastport	14,660	14,380	15,010	12,620	12,560	13,120	2,040	1,820	1,890	13.9	12.7	12.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,060	19,980	19,750	17,650	17,670	17,860	2,410	2,310	1,890	12.0	11.6	9.6
Central Penobscot	3,580	3,580	3,770	3,320	3,320	3,510	260	260	260	7.3	7.3	6.9
Dover-Foxcroft	6,430	6,480	6,350	6,070	6,120	5,870	360	360	480	5.6	5.6	7.6
Ellsworth	18,390	17,920	17,790	16,330	16,190	15,830	2,060	1,730	1,960	11.2	9.7	11.0
Farmington	12,610	12,580	12,630	11,700	11,680	11,780	910	900	850	7.2	7.2	6.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,660	4,880	4,630	4,250	4,260	4,170	410	620	460	8.8	12.7	9.9
Greenville	1,770	1,750	1,490	1,700	1,670	1,390	70	80	100	4.0	4.6	6.7
Houlton	4,570	4,590	4,540	4,080	4,110	4,080	490	480	460	10.7	10.5	10.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,550	5,570	5,780	5,190	5,220	5,420	360	350	360	6.5	6.3	6.2
Livermore Falls	5,620	5,610	5,540	4,880	4,990	4,910	740	620	630	13.2	11.1	11.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,340	4,330	4,340	3,850	3,820	3,840	490	510	500	11.3	11.8	11.5
Mechanic Falls	2,350	2,280	2,830	1,970	1,930	2,560	380	350	270	16.2	15.4	9.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,300	5,380	5,210	4,970	5,040	4,980	330	340	230	6.2	6.3	4.4
Patten-Island Falls	2,320	2,330	2,410	2,090	2,130	2,120	230	200	290	9.9	8.6	12.0
Rockland	16,090	15,760	16,320	14,370	14,390	14,550	1,720	1,470	1,770	10.7	9.3	10.8
Rumford	20,420	20,500	21,200	18,200	18,490	19,440	2,220	2,010	1,760	10.9	9.8	8.3
Sebago Lake Region	10,360	9,970	10,280	9,400	9,190	9,360	960	780	920	9.3	7.8	8.9
Skowhegan	19,210	18,920	19,610	16,350	16,230	17,710	2,860	2,690	1,900	14.9	14.2	9.7
Kittery-York	16,690	16,750	15,960	15,960	16,050	15,200	730	700	760	4.4	4.2	4.8
Southwest Penobscot	7,800	7,870	7,500	6,960	6,910	6,510	840	960	990	10.8	12.2	13.2
Waterville	21,050	21,120	21,420	19,250	19,310	19,950	1,800	1,810	1,470	8.6	8.6	6.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,602.1	1,573.0	n/a	1,478.2	1,468.2	n/a	123.9	104.7	n/a	7.7	6.7
Massachusetts	2,960.0	2,992.0	2,929.0	2,714.0	2,754.0	2,746.0	247.0	238.0	183.0	8.3	8.0	6.3
New Hampshire	478.8	478.7	464.9	441.0	443.6	439.0	37.8	35.1	25.9	7.9	7.3	5.6
Rhode Island	475.9	472.5	471.5	427.1	427.0	432.4	48.8	45.5	39.2	10.3	9.6	8.3
* Vermont	242.6	241.1	257.4	226.4	225.8	240.3	16.1	15.3	17.1	6.6	6.3	6.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,786.4	5,695.8	n/a	5,328.6	5,325.9	n/a	457.8	369.9	n/a	7.9	6.5
UNITED STATES 3/	108,324	108,014	107,015	97,946	97,831	98,401	10,378	10,183	8,614	9.6	9.4	8.0

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.
*January 1982 estimates amended.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	18,980	19,029	17,759	2,457	2,245	2,377	1,720	1,465	1,364
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.9	4.9	4.5	3.1	2.8	3.1	5.3	4.5	4.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, DURABLE GOODS EMPLOYMENT DROPPED BY 400 TO 41,400. THE LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY LOST 300 WORKERS OVER THE YEAR, AND METALS AND MACHINERY DECLINED BY 400. AN INCREASE OF 600 IN TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING, LARGELY THE RESULT OF GROWTH AT BATH IRON WORKS, PARTIALLY OFFSET THESE DECLINES.

EMPLOYMENT IN NONDURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURING REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 71,400. THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT GAIN OF 1,000 WORKERS IN THE LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS SEVERAL OF MAINE'S LARGER SHOE MANUFACTURERS CONTINUED TO GROW. OFFSETTING THIS GAIN WAS AN EMPLOYMENT LOSS OF 1,200 IN THE FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, PRIMARILY DUE TO THE LOSS OF FOUR OF MAINE'S FIVE POULTRY PROCESSING PLANTS.

WITHIN THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR SEVERAL INDUSTRY DIVISIONS REGISTERED SUBSTANTIAL EMPLOYMENT CHANGES. THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE DECLINE IN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, LOST 2,200 JOBS. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT DECREASED BY 700, WITH LOSSES RECORDED BY BOTH FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. SMALLER LOSSES WERE RECORDED BY TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE'S SERVICES INDUSTRIES INCREASED BY 2,000 FROM 1980 THROUGH 1981. THE LARGEST GAINS WERE REGISTERED BY HEALTH SERVICES (+1,100), BUSINESS SERVICES (+400), AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (+400). EMPLOYMENT IN FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE INCREASED BY 500.

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 110TH LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED ON APRIL 13. OVER THE COURSE OF THE SESSION THE LEGISLATURE ENACTED A NUMBER OF LAWS WHICH AFFECT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

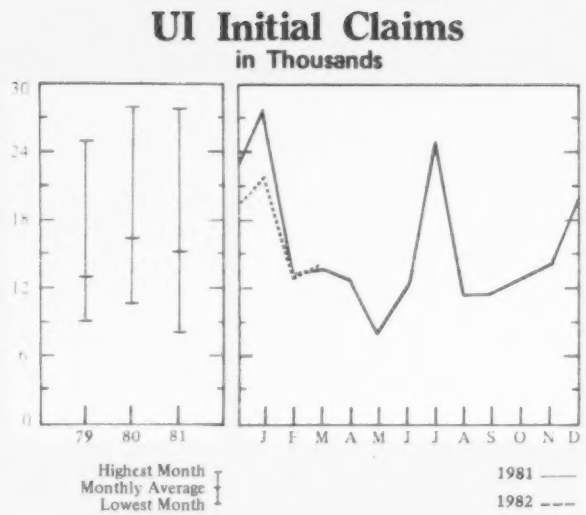
L.D. 1743, AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW TO INCLUDE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE, WAS SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE EDITH BEAULIEU OF PORTLAND. THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR ON FEBRUARY 25. AS THE TITLE OF THE ACT SUGGESTS, THE LAW WAS SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO MAKE STATE LAW CONFORM WITH RECENT CHANGES IN FEDERAL LAW. ALL BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AS NON-EMERGENCY MATTERS BECOME EFFECTIVE 90 DAYS AFTER THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS AND THIS IS THE CASE WITH L.D. 1743.

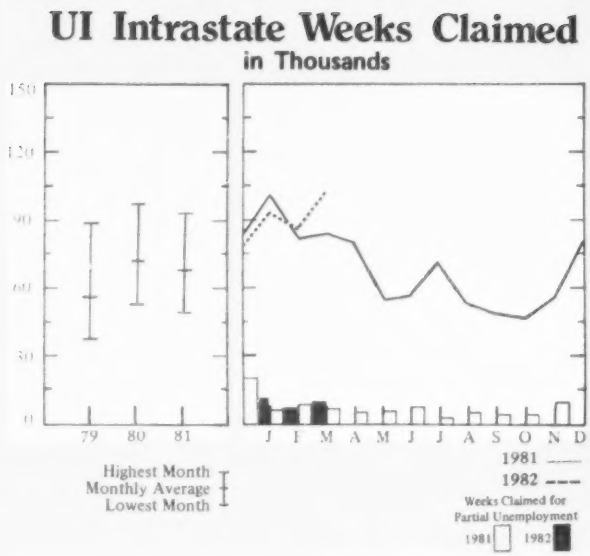
ANOTHER BILL SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS L.D. 1730, AN ACT ALLOWING VARIATIONS ON INTEREST REFLECTING CONVENTIONAL INTEREST RATES ON OVERDUE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. THE BILL MAKES INTEREST RATES CHARGED BY THE BUREAU CONSISTENT WITH INTEREST RATES CHARGED BY THE STATE TAX ASSESSOR. WITH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PAYMENTS TO THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUND OVERDUE, THIS NEW MEASURE SHOULD PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO MAKE MORE TIMELY PAYMENTS. ALSO, SHOULD INTEREST RATES DECLINE AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, THE VARIABLE RATE CREATED BY THIS LAW WOULD ALLOW THE BUREAU'S RATE TO DECLINE AS WELL. PREVIOUSLY THE BUREAU CHARGED A SET RATE OF 12 PERCENT PER YEAR.

L.D. 1717 WAS INTRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS. THE BILL, AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ELEVATOR LAWS OF MAINE CLARIFIES THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF ELEVATOR, REDUCES THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS OF SAFE ELEVATORS AND ADJUSTS FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REDUCED NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS.

TWO OTHER BILLS, L.D. 1709 AND L.D. 2136, CONTAINED TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

GENERALLY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FEDERALLY MANDATED CHANGES, NO SUBSTANTIVE ALTERATIONS OF THE LAWS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING WERE MADE DURING THE PAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION.





1981 WAGE SURVEY OF NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

DURING 1981 THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH CONDUCTED A SURVEY TO DETERMINE OCCUPATIONAL WAGE RATES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THESE WAGE RATES WERE IN EFFECT AS OF THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 1981. APPROXIMATELY 25,800 WORKERS EMPLOYED IN OVER 700 MAINE FIRMS WERE SURVEYED, AND DATA WERE GATHERED FOR APPROXIMATELY 125 OCCUPATIONS.

THE OCCUPATIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL BROAD GROUPS: PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND MANAGERIAL; SERVICE; MAINTENANCE AND PRODUCTION; CLERICAL; AND SALES. THE TABLE ON PAGE 6 SHOWS SELECTED OCCUPATIONS IN THE PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND MANAGERIAL GROUP. AMONG THE OCCUPATIONS INCLUDED IN THE TABLE ARE ACCOUNTANT, AUDITOR, BUYER, CONTROLLER, RESTAURANT MANAGER, AND PROFESSIONAL NURSE.

FOR EACH OCCUPATION THE LOW, MEAN, MEDIAN, AND HIGH WAGE IS LISTED. ALSO INCLUDED IS THE MIDDLE RANGE, WHICH IS DEFINED BY TWO RATES OF PAY: ONE FOURTH OF THE WORKERS EARN THE SAME OR LESS THAN THE LOWER OF THESE RATES, AND ONE FOURTH EARN THE SAME OR MORE THAN THE HIGHER RATE.

WAGES FOR THESE OCCUPATIONS RANGE FROM A LOW OF $7,020 FOR A BUYER TO A HIGH OF $52,000 FOR BOTH BUYERS AND CONTROLLERS. AS IN THE CASE OF A BUYER, THERE CAN BE A VERY WIDE RANGE WITHIN AN OCCUPATION. REASONS FOR THIS WIDE PAY GAP MAY INCLUDE THE LENGTH OF TIME IN AN OCCUPATION, THE DEGREE OF ADDITIONAL TRAINING NEEDED, ADDED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JOB, AND DIFFERENCES IN PAY SCALES BETWEEN DIFFERENT FIRMS OR INDUSTRIES.

WAGE RATES ARE NOW BEING COMPUTED FOR OTHER OCCUPATIONS COVERED BY THIS SURVEY. THE PUBLISHED RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH BY THE SUMMER OF 1982.

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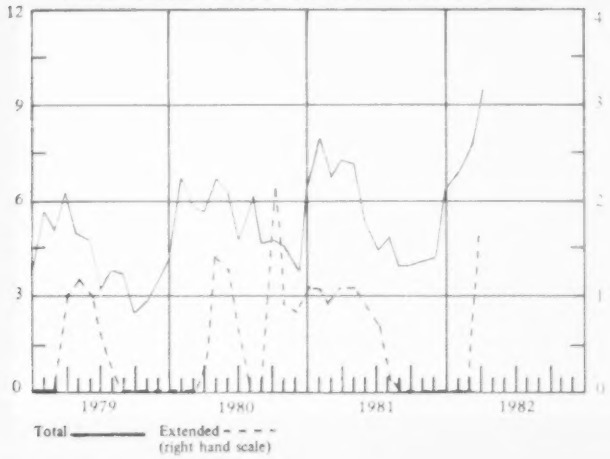
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

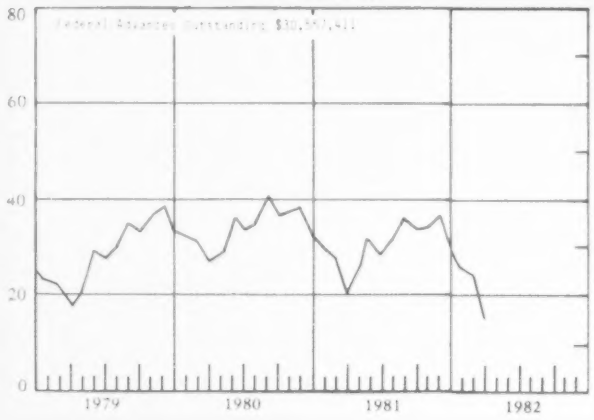
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

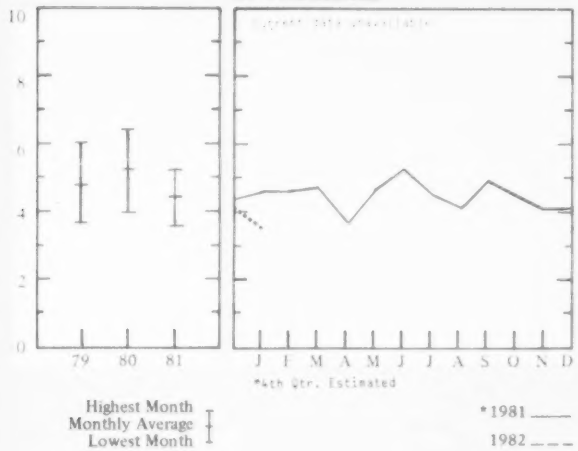
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	398.9	399.7	406.2	93.0	92.4	89.9	33.1	32.9	34.0
Total Manufacturing	106.6	107.4	111.9	17.4	17.4	18.3	10.8	10.8	11.5
Durable Goods	39.5	40.4	40.5	7.6	7.6	7.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.7	12.4	13.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.2	16.4	16.1	6.8	6.8	6.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.6	11.6	11.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods	67.1	67.0	71.4	9.8	9.8	10.5	8.8	8.8	9.6
Food and Kindred Products	8.9	8.8	9.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	0.9	0.9	1.2
Textile Mill Products	7.5	7.6	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.6
Apparel	4.5	4.6	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.6	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.0	19.0	21.6	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	(15.9)	(16.0)	(18.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.9)	(2.9)	(3.5)
All Other	(3.1)	(3.0)	(3.2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.7	9.8	9.7	4.5	4.5	4.9	2.3	2.3	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	292.3	292.3	294.3	75.6	75.0	71.6	22.3	22.1	22.5
Contract Construction	12.5	12.7	14.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	1.0	1.0	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.0	17.9	18.0	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.1	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	84.1	83.5	83.8	24.8	24.7	23.5	7.8	7.6	7.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.3	17.2	16.5	7.8	7.7	7.4	1.7	1.8	1.7
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	76.5	76.7	76.7	21.2	20.9	19.1	7.7	7.6	7.5
Government	83.9	84.3	85.2	13.1	13.1	13.1	3.0	2.9	3.2
Federal	(18.0)	(18.1)	(17.5)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(65.9)	(66.2)	(67.7)	(11.7)	(11.7)	(11.7)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

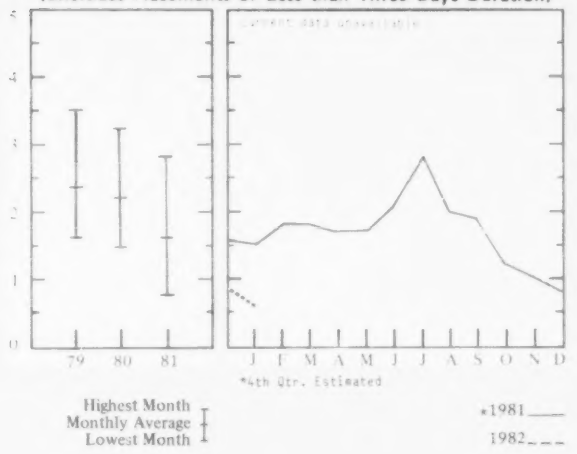
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$276.31	$278.50	$260.58	39.7	39.9	40.4	$6.96	$6.98	$6.45	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	294.58	293.20	275.26	40.8	40.0	40.9	7.22	7.33	6.73	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	257.68	268.77	259.72	39.4	39.7	40.9	6.54	6.77	6.35	5.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	279.34	280.50	258.56	41.2	39.9	40.4	6.78	7.03	6.40	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	356.97	340.63	319.90	41.8	40.6	41.6	8.54	8.39	7.69	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	266.27	269.84	251.83	39.1	39.8	40.1	6.81	6.78	6.28	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	205.25	220.02	203.42	36.2	38.0	37.6	5.67	5.79	5.41	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	211.75	211.58	218.59	38.5	39.4	43.2	5.50	5.37	5.06	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	180.60	187.17	180.19	35.0	36.7	37.0	5.16	5.10	4.87	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	438.62	440.09	403.61	45.5	45.7	45.4	9.64	9.63	8.89	9.27	8.21	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	200.39	199.80	183.60	36.5	37.0	36.5	5.49	5.40	5.03	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	232.79	231.95	221.70	38.1	37.9	39.1	6.11	6.12	5.67	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	272.74	275.80	244.92	39.7	39.4	39.0	6.87	7.00	6.28	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	210.46	214.48	205.80	36.1	37.3	37.9	5.83	5.75	5.43	5.57	5.08	4.66

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	283.1	283.4	265.1	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	- 0.1
Percent Change from Last December	+ 0.6
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 6.8

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	508.3	497.5	493.7	461.0	453.4	454.1	47.3	44.1	39.6	9.3	8.9	8.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,500	42,500	41,200	40,400	39,700	38,500	3,100	2,800	2,700	7.1	6.6	6.6
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,700	31,100	31,300	28,700	28,200	28,800	3,000	2,900	2,500	9.5	9.3	8.0
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,800	37,800	38,700	34,900	34,200	35,400	3,900	3,600	3,300	10.1	9.5	8.5
Portland SMSA	95,300	93,500	90,800	89,100	87,400	85,100	6,200	6,100	5,700	6.5	6.5	6.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,830	29,340	29,400	27,070	26,810	27,040	2,760	2,530	2,360	9.3	8.6	8.0
Bath-Brunswick	23,100	22,370	21,670	21,650	21,020	20,430	1,450	1,350	1,240	6.3	6.0	5.7
Belfast	10,420	10,210	10,260	8,970	8,770	8,830	1,450	1,440	1,430	13.9	14.1	13.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,260	6,910	6,850	6,470	6,230	6,250	790	680	600	10.9	9.8	8.8
Calais-Eastport	14,910	14,660	14,790	12,780	12,620	13,000	2,130	2,040	1,790	14.3	13.9	12.1
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,390	20,060	19,650	17,830	17,650	17,890	2,560	2,410	1,760	12.6	12.0	9.0
Central Penobscot	3,550	3,580	3,420	3,230	3,320	3,140	320	260	280	9.0	7.3	8.2
Dover-Foxcroft	6,580	6,430	6,330	6,160	6,070	5,840	420	360	490	6.4	5.6	7.7
Ellsworth	19,130	18,390	17,780	17,030	16,330	15,960	2,100	2,060	1,920	11.0	11.2	10.8
Farmington	12,750	12,610	12,530	11,710	11,700	11,580	1,040	910	950	8.2	7.2	7.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,000	4,660	4,660	4,200	4,250	4,170	800	410	490	16.0	8.8	10.5
Greenville	1,550	1,770	1,250	1,470	1,700	1,140	80	70	110	5.2	4.0	8.8
Houlton	4,660	4,570	4,610	4,140	4,080	4,120	520	490	490	11.2	10.7	10.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,620	5,550	5,730	5,140	5,190	5,280	430	360	450	8.5	6.5	7.9
Livermore Falls	5,780	5,620	5,670	5,010	4,880	5,060	770	740	610	13.3	13.2	10.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,530	4,340	4,390	3,930	3,850	3,930	600	490	460	13.2	11.3	10.5
Mechanic Falls	2,400	2,350	2,700	2,000	1,970	2,440	400	380	260	16.7	16.2	9.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,460	5,300	5,250	5,040	4,870	5,010	420	330	240	7.7	6.2	4.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,400	2,320	2,360	2,100	2,090	2,030	300	230	330	12.5	9.9	14.0
Rockland	16,410	16,090	16,360	14,680	14,370	14,760	1,730	1,720	1,600	10.5	10.7	9.8
Rumford	20,670	20,420	20,880	18,430	18,200	19,090	2,240	2,220	1,790	10.8	10.9	8.6
Sebago Lake Region	10,420	10,360	10,160	9,390	9,400	9,240	1,030	960	920	9.9	9.3	9.1
Skowhegan	19,400	19,210	19,610	16,410	16,350	17,810	2,990	2,860	1,800	15.4	14.9	9.2
Kittery-York	17,390	16,690	16,550	16,610	15,960	15,870	780	730	680	4.5	4.4	4.1
Southwest Penobscot	8,050	7,800	7,470	7,080	6,960	6,560	970	840	910	12.0	10.8	12.2
Waterville	21,550	21,050	21,500	19,550	19,250	20,030	2,000	1,800	1,470	9.3	8.6	6.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,603.8	1,599.9	1,575.8	1,495.3	1,477.9	1,476.0	113.5	122.0	99.8	7.1	7.6	6.3
Massachusetts	2,975.0	2,960.0	2,918.8	2,750.0	2,714.0	2,740.7	227.0	247.0	178.0	7.6	8.3	6.1
New Hampshire	n/a	478.8	472.6	n/a	441.0	446.5	n/a	37.8	26.0	n/a	7.9	5.5
Rhode Island	473.5	475.9	472.6	424.9	427.1	434.4	48.6	48.8	38.2	10.3	10.3	8.1
Vermont	243.9	242.6	258.4	227.5	226.5	241.9	16.4	16.1	16.5	6.7	6.6	6.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,758.2	5,698.0	n/a	5,286.5	5,339.5	n/a	471.7	358.5	n/a	8.2	6.3
UNITED STATES 3/	108,761	108,324	107,634	98,471	97,946	99,368	10,290	10,378	8,271	9.5	9.6	7.7

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	18,525	18,980	17,300	2,282	2,457	2,192	1,671	1,720	1,591
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.8	4.9	4.4	2.9	3.1	2.9	5.1	5.3	4.8

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS IN NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, MAINE, 1981 1/

Occupation	Number of Workers	Low	Mean	Median	Middle Range		High
					First Quartile	Third Quartile	
Accountant	143	$ 8,164	$17,366	$15,850	$13,750	$20,000	$40,000
Auditor	81	8,840	19,288	21,275	17,340	21,275	39,400
Branch Bank Manager	159	9,249	16,714	16,100	13,728	19,558	32,032
Buyer	173	7,020	17,859	16,640	12,480	21,500	52,000
Controller	99	10,470	25,723	25,354	19,051	30,500	52,000
Drafter	51	9,776	18,573	20,717	16,000	20,717	27,872
Licensed Practical Nurse	216	7,904	10,940	10,816	9,984	11,513	15,413
Restaurant Manager	160	8,200	14,580	13,520	11,600	16,440	40,000
Store Manager	273	7,280	20,413	19,760	15,600	25,220	48,547
Office Manager	315	7,280	14,737	13,000	10,400	16,692	40,000
Professional Nurse	390	7,072	13,535	13,104	12,272	14,518	22,464

1/ Industries included in the survey were Wholesale and Retail Trade; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate; and Services, except Hospitals.

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Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

IN APRIL MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MATCHED THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S RATE OF 9.3 PERCENT.* AT THE SAME TIME THE NATIONAL RATE DECLINED FROM 9.5 TO 9.2 PERCENT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE STATE POSTED AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NINE MONTHS.

UNEMPLOYMENT REGARDLESS OF THE PERCENT, IS ALWAYS A MATTER OF CONCERN. TO SOME, IT MAY ONLY BE A STATISTIC, BUT TO THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR JOBS IT PRESENTS A RADICAL CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES.

IN THE CURRENT NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECESSION UNEMPLOYMENT HAS REACHED HIGHER LEVELS THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE START OF WORLD WAR II. FORTUNATELY, THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN THE CASE IN THE STATE OF MAINE.

WHILE WE HAVE EXPERIENCED STEADILY INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS, A LOOK AT RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN A PREVIOUS RECESSION INDICATES MARKED DIFFERENCES IN MAINE'S FORMER AND PRESENT EMPLOYMENT PICTURE AS COMPARED TO THE NATION AS A WHOLE.

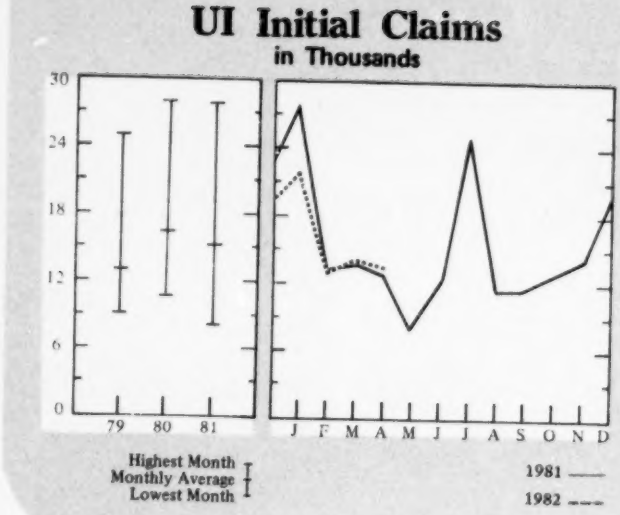
IN MARCH AND APRIL OF 1975 MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 12.7 AND 11.9 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. THE NATIONAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THOSE TWO MONTHS IN 1975 WAS 9.1 AND 8.6 PERCENT. THE STATE WAS RUNNING WELL OVER THREE PERCENTAGE POINTS ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

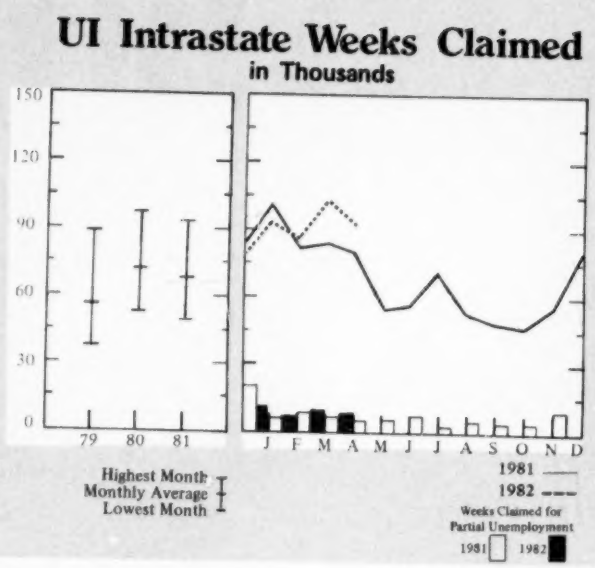
AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, FOR BOTH MARCH AND APRIL OF 1982 THE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS ESTIMATED AT 9.3 PERCENT. NATIONALLY IN MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT WAS 9.5 PERCENT AND APRIL WAS 9.2 PERCENT. MAINE IS CLEARLY NOT DOING AS POORLY COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN 1982 AS IT DID IN 1975.

COMPARABLE FIGURES ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED IN APRIL OF '75 AND APRIL OF '82 ALSO GIVE POSITIVE INDICATIONS. NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1975 WAS 343,600 COMPARED TO 403,000 IN APRIL OF 1982. IN ADDITION TO MORE PEOPLE WORKING THROUGH THE CURRENT RECESSION, FEWER PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYED IN MAINE IN THIS RECESSION DESPITE THE FACT MORE PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYED NATIONALLY. THE UNEMPLOYED IN APRIL 1975 NUMBERED 53,100 WHILE IN 1982 THE NUMBER IS 47,900.

THE DIFFERENCES IN THE EFFECT OF THE TWO RECESSIONS ARE SIGNIFICANT. MAINE'S ECONOMY CAN HARDLY BE CONSIDERED RECESSION-PROOF, BUT, TO DATE, WE HAVE CLEARLY WEATHERED THE PRESENT RECESSION FAR BETTER THAN WE DID THE RECESSION OF THE MID-70'S. IN SPITE OF THE NEGATIVE TRENDS OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE MAINE'S ECONOMY SLIDING AS FAR AS IT DID IN 1975 EVEN THOUGH IN TERMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT CURRENT NATIONAL CONDITIONS ARE WORSE.

* ALL FIGURES USED ARE NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.





WHO ARE THE UNEMPLOYED?

FINDINGS FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (UNPUBLISHED DATA) REVEAL THAT IN 1981 THE TYPICAL UNEMPLOYED PERSON IN MAINE WAS MALE, BETWEEN 22 AND 44 YEARS OF AGE, A BLUE-COLLAR WORKER, AND HAD BEEN LAID OFF FROM A PREVIOUS JOB. A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE UNEMPLOYED WERE JOBLESS FOR LESS THAN 15 WEEKS.

OF THE ANNUAL AVERAGE 37,000 UNEMPLOYED DURING 1981, 54.1 PERCENT WERE MALE AND 45.9 PERCENT WERE FEMALE. STATISTICS DETAILING AGE INDICATE THAT 23.7 PERCENT WERE BETWEEN 16 AND 19 YEARS OLD, 55.3 PERCENT WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 20 AND 44, 18.4 PERCENT WERE 45-64 YEARS OF AGE, AND 2.6 PERCENT WERE 65 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

OF THE TOTAL JOBLESS, 54.1 PERCENT HAD BEEN LAID OFF FROM THEIR PREVIOUS JOBS AND 10.8 PERCENT HAD LEFT THEIR JOBS VOLUNTARILY. NEW ENTRANTS TO THE LABOR FORCE ACCOUNTED FOR 8.1 PERCENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED WHILE REENTRANTS ACCOUNTED FOR 27.0 PERCENT.

MOST OF THOSE UNEMPLOYED IN MAINE WERE WITHOUT A JOB FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME. ABOUT 78.4 PERCENT WERE JOBLESS FOR 14 WEEKS OR LESS. THOSE UNEMPLOYED FOR 15-26 WEEKS ACCOUNTED FOR 13.5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AND 8.1 PERCENT WERE WITHOUT A JOB FOR 27 OR MORE WEEKS.

ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA, ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED HAD HELD A PREVIOUS JOB AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. MOST OF THESE 33,000 EXPERIENCED UNEMPLOYED WERE SEPARATED FROM THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES: MANUFACTURING (30.3 PERCENT), TRADE (21.1 PERCENT), SERVICES 15.2 PERCENT), AND CONSTRUCTION (12.1 PERCENT). OF THE EXPERIENCED UNEMPLOYED, 24.3 PERCENT WERE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED IN A WHITE-COLLAR OCCUPATION, 51.5 PERCENT WERE BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS, 21.2 PERCENT WERE SERVICE WORKERS, AND 3.0 PERCENT WERE FARM WORKERS.

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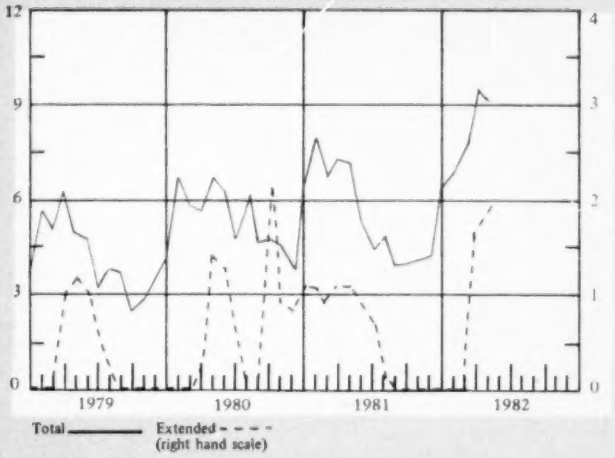
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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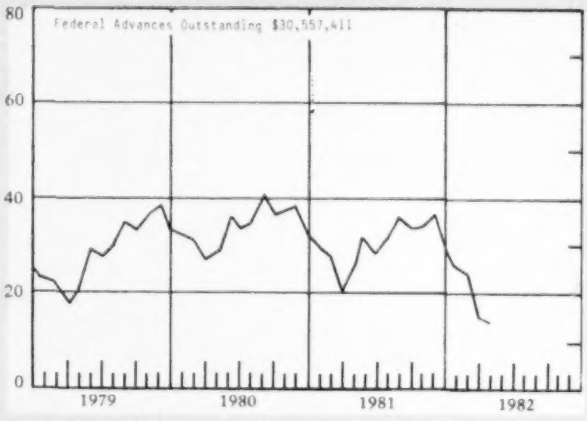
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

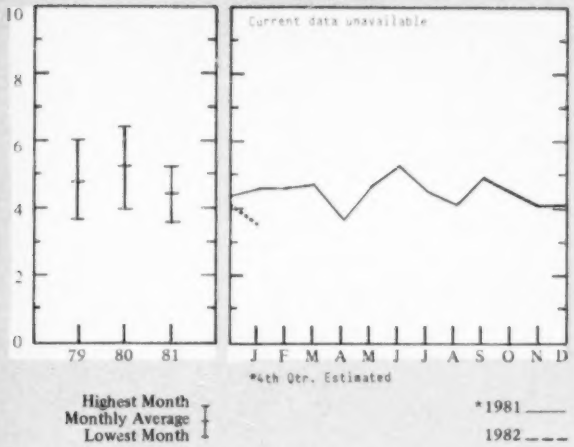
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	403.0	398.9	412.0	94.2	93.0	91.8	33.4	33.1	34.6
Total Manufacturing	105.9	106.6	112.3	17.3	17.4	17.7	10.8	10.8	12.1
Durable Goods	38.9	39.5	40.0	7.4	7.6	7.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.1	11.7	12.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.0	16.2	16.2	6.7	6.8	6.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.8	11.6	11.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	67.0	67.1	72.3	9.9	9.8	10.2	8.8	8.8	10.1
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.9	9.4	2.3	2.2	2.5	0.9	0.9	1.2
Textile Mill Products	7.4	7.5	8.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	2.0
Apparel	4.4	4.5	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.5	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.5	19.0	21.6	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.3)	(15.9)	(18.1)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.9)	(2.9)	(3.5)
All Other	(3.2)	(3.1)	(3.5)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.7	9.7	9.6	4.4	4.5	4.7	2.3	2.3	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	297.1	292.3	299.7	76.9	75.6	74.1	22.6	22.3	22.5
Contract Construction	13.8	12.5	16.3	3.6	3.2	3.8	1.1	1.0	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.1	18.0	18.2	5.8	5.5	5.5	1.2	1.1	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	85.8	84.1	86.9	25.3	24.8	24.2	7.9	7.8	7.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.6	17.3	16.8	8.1	7.8	7.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.9	76.5	77.7	21.4	21.2	20.0	7.7	7.7	7.5
Government	83.9	83.9	83.8	12.7	13.1	13.2	3.0	3.0	3.2
Federal	(18.1)	(18.0)	(17.6)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(65.8)	(65.9)	(66.2)	(11.3)	(11.7)	(11.8)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

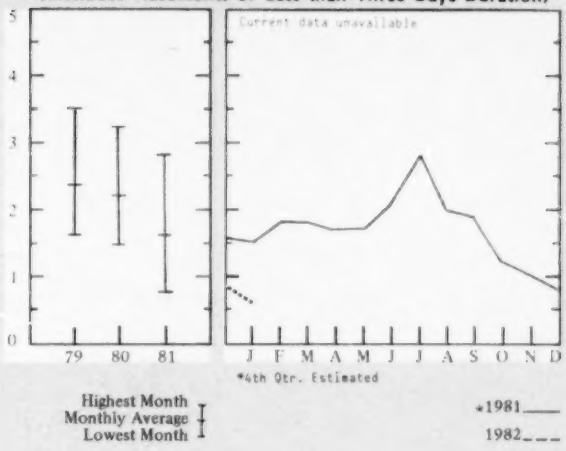
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$283.61	$276.31	$260.50	40.4	39.7	40.2	$7.02	$6.96	$6.48	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	295.80	294.58	274.58	40.8	40.8	40.8	7.25	7.22	6.73	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	256.36	257.68	245.42	39.5	39.4	40.7	6.49	6.54	6.03	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	279.76	279.34	267.45	40.9	41.2	40.4	6.84	6.78	6.62	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	360.39	356.97	315.05	42.2	41.8	41.4	8.54	8.54	7.61	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	276.29	266.27	251.93	40.1	39.1	39.8	6.89	6.81	6.33	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	222.72	205.25	205.47	38.6	36.2	37.7	5.77	5.67	5.45	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	206.50	211.75	210.73	38.1	38.5	41.4	5.42	5.50	5.09	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	187.46	180.60	183.02	36.4	35.0	37.2	5.15	5.16	4.92	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	459.73	438.62	405.42	47.2	45.5	45.4	9.74	9.64	8.93	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	200.71	200.39	181.65	37.1	36.5	35.9	5.41	5.49	5.06	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	233.23	232.79	224.40	37.8	38.1	39.3	6.17	6.11	5.71	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	265.69	272.74	246.24	38.9	39.7	38.0	6.83	6.87	6.48	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	215.28	210.46	206.63	36.8	36.1	37.5	5.85	5.83	5.51	5.57	5.08	4.66

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	284.3	283.1	266.8	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4
Percent Change from Last December	+1.0
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.6

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	516.4	508.3	499.1	468.5	461.0	462.7	47.9	47.3	36.4	9.3	9.3	7.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,800	43,500	41,500	41,000	40,400	39,200	2,800	3,100	2,300	6.4	7.1	5.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,200	31,700	31,600	29,300	28,700	29,100	2,900	3,000	2,500	9.0	9.5	7.9
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,900	38,800	38,500	34,900	34,900	35,800	4,000	3,900	2,700	10.3	10.1	7.0
Portland SMSA	95,600	95,300	91,700	89,500	89,100	86,400	6,100	6,200	5,300	6.4	6.5	5.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,120	29,830	29,060	27,440	27,070	27,170	2,680	2,760	1,890	8.9	9.3	6.5
Bath-Brunswick	23,510	23,100	21,900	21,950	21,650	20,720	1,560	1,450	1,180	6.6	6.3	5.4
Belfast	10,460	10,420	10,410	8,940	8,970	9,250	1,520	1,450	1,160	14.5	13.9	11.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,820	7,260	7,190	7,090	6,470	6,660	730	790	530	9.3	10.9	7.4
Calais-Eastport	15,470	14,910	15,020	12,780	12,780	13,000	2,690	2,130	2,020	17.4	14.3	13.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,530	20,390	19,700	18,180	17,830	18,010	2,350	2,560	1,690	11.4	12.5	8.6
Central Penobscot	3,700	3,550	3,800	3,390	3,230	3,570	310	320	230	8.4	9.0	6.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,630	6,580	6,330	6,170	6,160	5,930	460	420	400	6.9	6.4	6.3
Ellsworth	19,720	19,130	18,730	17,550	17,030	17,190	2,170	2,100	1,540	11.0	11.0	8.2
Farmington	12,460	12,750	12,320	11,350	11,710	11,260	1,110	1,040	1,060	8.9	8.2	8.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,110	5,000	4,400	4,030	4,200	3,650	1,080	800	750	21.1	16.0	17.0
Greenville	1,430	1,550	1,240	1,320	1,470	1,150	110	80	90	7.7	5.2	7.3
Houlton	4,820	4,660	4,710	4,200	4,140	4,140	620	520	570	12.9	11.2	12.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,660	5,620	5,610	5,180	5,140	5,180	480	480	430	8.5	8.5	7.7
Livermore Falls	5,980	5,780	5,650	5,210	5,010	5,110	770	770	540	12.9	13.3	9.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,550	4,530	4,330	3,870	3,930	3,860	680	600	470	14.9	13.2	10.9
Mechanic Falls	2,510	2,400	2,670	2,160	2,000	2,450	350	400	220	13.9	16.7	8.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,410	5,460	5,280	5,040	5,040	5,070	370	420	210	6.8	7.7	4.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,500	2,400	2,420	2,070	2,100	2,090	430	300	330	17.2	12.5	13.6
Rockland	16,790	16,410	16,350	15,050	14,680	14,880	1,740	1,730	1,470	10.4	10.5	9.0
Rumford	21,110	20,670	20,300	18,790	18,430	18,610	2,320	2,240	1,690	11.0	10.8	8.3
Sebago Lake Region	10,670	10,420	10,360	9,650	9,390	9,550	1,020	1,030	810	9.6	9.9	7.8
Skowhegan	20,240	19,400	20,590	17,200	16,410	18,920	3,040	2,990	1,670	15.0	15.4	8.1
Kittery-York	19,000	17,390	18,240	18,320	16,610	17,620	680	780	620	3.6	4.5	3.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,090	8,050	7,480	7,220	7,080	6,780	870	970	700	10.8	12.0	9.4
Waterville	21,670	21,550	21,620	19,760	19,550	20,330	1,910	2,000	1,290	8.8	9.3	6.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,608.8	1,589.6	n/a	1,495.3	1,492.8	n/a	113.5	96.8	n/a	7.1	6.1
Massachusetts	2,949.0	2,976.0	2,853.7	2,714.0	2,750.0	2,708.5	235.0	227.0	145.2	8.0	7.6	5.1
New Hampshire	n/a	480.9	470.2	n/a	443.9	447.2	n/a	37.0	23.0	n/a	7.7	4.9
Rhode Island	470.6	473.5	477.5	423.8	424.9	440.7	46.8	48.6	36.8	9.9	10.3	7.7
Vermont	n/a	261.5	258.7	n/a	239.1	242.6	n/a	22.4	16.1	n/a	8.6	6.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,801.7	5,649.7	n/a	5,353.2	5,331.8	n/a	448.5	317.9	n/a	7.7	5.6
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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

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	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	16,659	18,525	14,974	2,005	2,282	1,993	1,563	1,671	1,055
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.3	4.8	3.8	2.5	2.9	2.5	4.8	5.1	3.2

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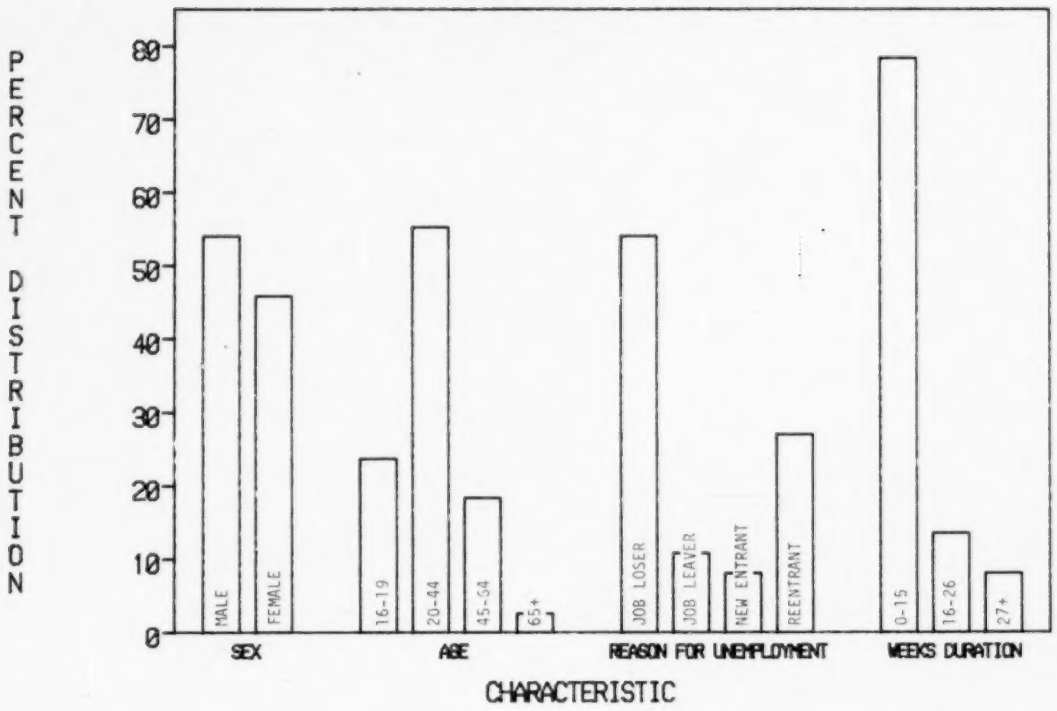

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR NOW HAS AVAILABLE A BOOKLET CALLED CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR MAINE AND ITS SUBSTATE AREAS, 1981.

DEVELOPED AND COMPILED BY THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, THE BOOKLET INCLUDES A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN ALL OF MAINE'S COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES. THE REPORT CONTAINS ANNUAL AVERAGE DATA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1981.

SPECIAL CHARTS COMPARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES OF MAINE COUNTIES AND LABOR MARKET AREAS AS WELL AS THE COMPARABLE RATES IN THE STATE'S CITIES AND TOWNS WITH A POPULATION OF 10,000 OR OVER. THE BULK OF THE REPORT IS A LISTING OF LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES OF MAINE'S MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS GROUPED BY COUNTY.

THE ENTIRE REPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR $2.50 PER COPY FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH. THE NOMINAL COST IS NECESSARY TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF PRINTING AND HANDLING.

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1981 THE NATIONAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT WAS 7.6 PERCENT. IN THE STATE OF MAINE WE POSTED A RATE OF 7.2 PERCENT. THE PAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1956 THAT THE STATE'S RATE WAS BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR.

WHILE MANY AREAS OF THE STATE MAINTAINED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WELL BELOW THE STATE AND NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR, AT THE SAME TIME MANY AREAS WERE WELL ABOVE THOSE AVERAGES. A COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES CAN PROVIDE A FIRST STEP IN IDENTIFYING HEALTHY ECONOMIC AREAS OR PINPOINTING PROBLEM LOCATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY EXPERIENCED A 5.6 PERCENT RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN 1981 COMPARED TO THE STATE RATE OF 7.2 PERCENT AND THE NATIONAL RATE OF 7.6 PERCENT. CLEARLY THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION IS OF INTEREST TO BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, ECONOMISTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN LABOR FORCE ANALYSIS.

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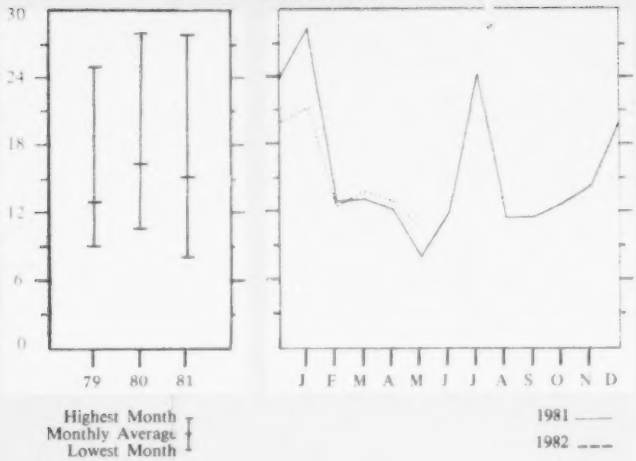
in Thousands



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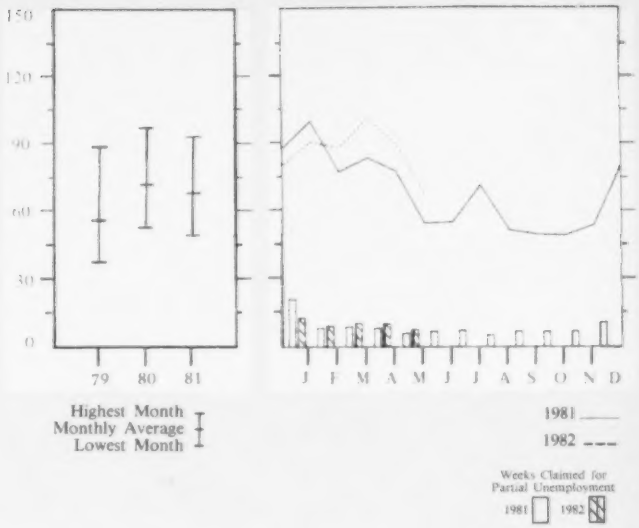


NOTES ON THE MAINE ECONOMY ---

---EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES FOR MAY REFLECT THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE EMPLOYMENT INCREASED 2,700 OVER THE APRIL LEVEL. MOST OF THIS INCREASE RESULTED FROM GAINS AT EATING AND DRINKING PLACES. SERVICES INCREASED 1,200, WITH GAINS AT MOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES THE PRIMARY REASON.

---CONSTRUCTION RECORDED A SEASONAL INCREASE OF 2,500 DURING MAY. HOWEVER, HIGH INTEREST RATES CONTINUE TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THIS INDUSTRY. MAY EMPLOYMENT WAS 1,900 BELOW YEAR AGO LEVELS.

---THE NATIONAL RECESSION HAS HAD A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON A NUMBER OF MAINE'S MAJOR INDUSTRIES. LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS, TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS, PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS, TRADE, AND CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION ALL RECORDED OVER-THE-YEAR EMPLOYMENT DECLINES OF 1,000 OR MORE.

---DESPITE THE RECESSION, THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE DIVISION RECORDED AN OVER-THE-YEAR GAIN OF 800. MOST OF THIS INCREASE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES.

---AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT WAS ESTIMATED AT 15,200 DURING MAY. IT WILL CONTINUE TO RISE DURING THE SUMMER AND PEAK DURING THE FALL POTATO AND APPLE HARVESTS.

---DURING MAY THE TYPICAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RECIPIENT WAS MALE, A PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER, A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, AND EXPERIENCING A TEMPORARY LAYOFF FROM A MANUFACTURING OR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

---DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981 THERE WERE 27,357 PRIVATE MAINE FIRMS WITH EMPLOYMENT COVERED UNDER THE MAINE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. SOME 96 PERCENT OF THESE FIRMS EMPLOYED FEWER THAN 50 WORKERS. HOWEVER, FIRMS EMPLOYING 50 OR MORE WORKERS ACCOUNTED FOR 56 PERCENT OF COVERED EMPLOYMENT.

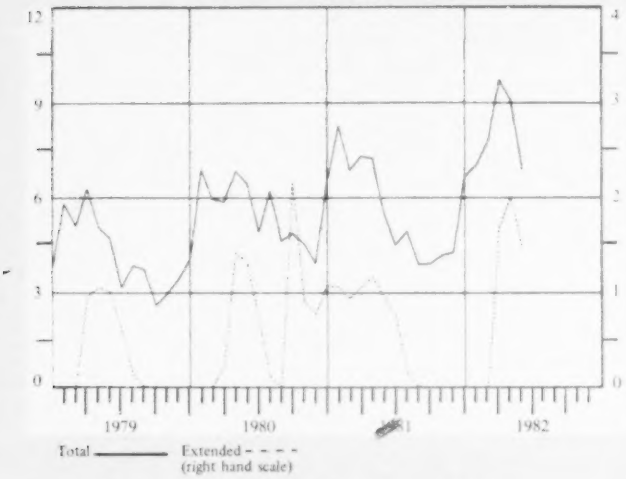
---THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RECENTLY RELEASED PER CAPITA INCOME FIGURES FOR 1981. THE PER CAPITAL INCOME FOR MAINE WAS $8,655. THE COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR NEW ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES WERE $11,154 AND $10,517, RESPECTIVELY.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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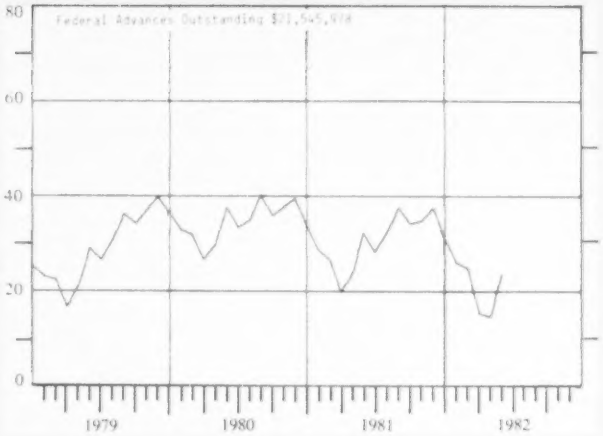

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

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Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	409.6	403.0	417.7	95.0	94.2	91.6	33.7	33.4	34.8
Total Manufacturing	105.9	105.9	113.1	17.4	17.3	17.7	10.8	10.8	11.9
Durable Goods	39.1	38.9	40.6	7.3	7.4	7.5	2.0	2.0	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.3	11.1	12.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	15.7	16.0	16.3	6.6	6.7	6.4	1.6	1.6	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.1	11.8	11.9	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	66.8	67.0	72.5	10.1	9.9	10.2	8.8	8.8	9.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.3	9.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.1
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.4	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.8	2.0
Apparel	3.9	4.4	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.7	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.0	19.5	21.9	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.6)	(16.3)	(18.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.0)	(2.9)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.4)	(3.2)	(3.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	9.7	9.8	4.5	4.4	4.7	2.4	2.3	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	303.7	297.1	304.6	77.6	76.9	73.9	22.9	22.6	22.9
Contract Construction	16.3	13.8	18.2	4.1	3.6	4.1	1.2	1.1	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.5	18.1	18.6	5.8	5.8	5.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	88.5	85.8	89.9	25.6	25.3	24.7	8.2	7.9	8.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.7	17.6	16.9	8.1	8.1	7.4	1.7	1.7	1.7
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.1	77.9	79.2	21.4	21.4	20.0	7.7	7.7	7.5
Government	83.6	83.9	81.8	12.6	12.7	12.1	2.9	3.0	3.2
Federal	(18.2)	(18.1)	(17.7)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(65.4)	(65.8)	(64.1)	(11.1)	(11.3)	(10.7)	(2.6)	(2.7)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

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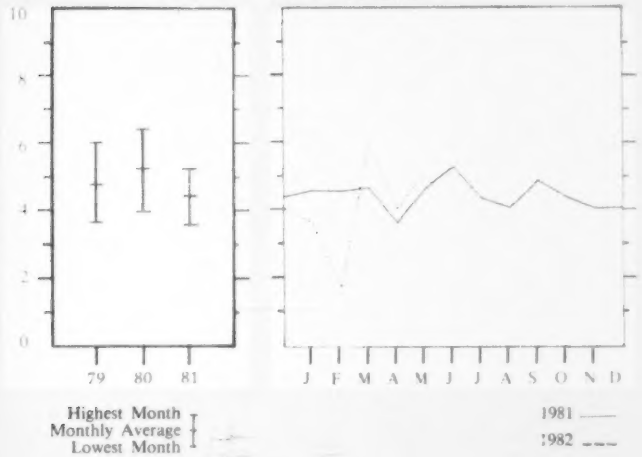

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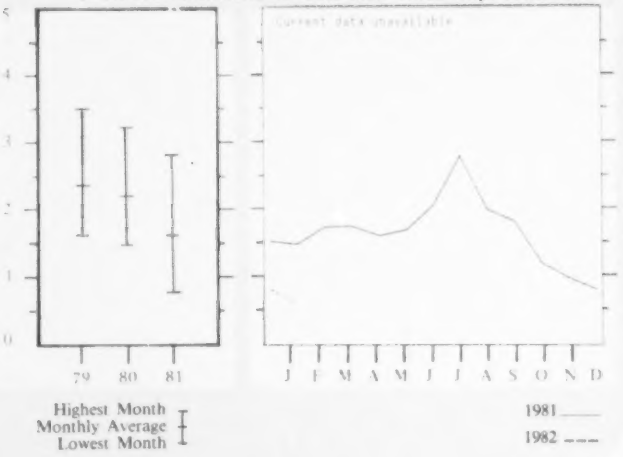

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$278.50	$283.61	$263.90	39.9	40.4	40.6	$6.98	$7.02	$6.50	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	290.94	295.80	276.34	39.8	40.8	41.0	7.31	7.25	6.74	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	253.92	256.36	245.21	39.8	39.5	40.8	6.38	6.49	6.01	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	280.28	279.76	265.98	39.2	40.9	40.3	7.15	6.84	6.60	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	342.63	360.39	323.40	40.5	42.2	42.0	8.46	8.54	7.70	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	271.20	276.29	256.94	40.0	40.1	40.4	6.78	6.89	6.36	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	226.70	222.72	215.04	38.1	38.6	38.4	5.95	5.77	5.60	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	212.01	206.50	213.92	38.2	38.1	41.7	5.55	5.42	5.13	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	189.86	187.46	183.63	37.3	36.4	37.4	5.09	5.15	4.91	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	436.75	459.73	406.77	45.4	47.2	45.5	9.62	9.74	8.94	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	205.96	200.71	190.09	38.0	37.1	37.2	5.42	5.41	5.11	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	235.24	233.23	231.38	38.5	37.8	40.1	6.11	6.17	5.77	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	273.39	265.69	248.71	39.0	38.9	38.5	7.01	6.83	6.46	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	229.96	215.28	215.12	38.2	36.8	38.9	6.02	5.85	5.53	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	220.1	214.4	207.4
Unemployed	21.2	18.5	15.8
(Percent)	9.6	8.6	7.6
Resident Employed	198.9	195.9	191.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	287.1	284.3	269.0	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+1.0
Percent Change from Last December	+2.0
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.7

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	527.5	516.4	504.6	478.4	468.5	471.0	49.1	47.9	33.6	9.3	9.3	6.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,000	43,800	41,600	41,000	41,000	39,300	3,000	2,800	2,300	6.8	6.4	5.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,900	32,200	32,000	30,100	29,300	29,800	2,800	2,900	2,200	8.5	9.0	6.9
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,200	38,900	38,400	35,200	34,900	35,900	4,000	4,000	2,500	10.2	10.3	6.5
Portland SMSA	96,700	95,600	90,700	90,400	89,500	86,000	6,300	6,100	4,700	6.5	6.4	5.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,380	30,120	29,150	27,990	27,440	27,350	2,390	2,680	1,800	7.9	8.9	6.2
Bath-Brunswick	23,980	23,510	22,140	22,480	21,950	21,130	1,500	1,560	1,010	6.3	6.6	4.6
Belfast	10,790	10,460	10,360	9,260	8,940	9,320	1,530	1,520	1,040	14.2	14.5	10.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,230	7,820	7,690	7,590	7,090	7,230	640	730	460	7.8	9.3	6.0
Calais-Eastport	15,550	15,470	15,130	13,080	12,780	13,430	2,470	2,690	1,700	15.9	17.4	11.2
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,480	20,530	19,960	18,370	18,180	18,400	2,110	2,350	1,560	10.3	11.4	7.8
Central Penobscot	3,780	3,700	3,840	3,460	3,390	3,580	320	310	260	8.5	8.4	6.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,910	6,630	6,420	6,120	6,170	6,060	790	460	360	11.4	6.9	5.6
Ellsworth	20,650	19,720	19,170	18,740	17,550	17,850	1,910	2,170	1,320	9.2	11.0	6.9
Farmington	12,590	12,460	12,210	11,270	11,350	11,250	1,320	1,110	960	10.5	8.9	7.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,170	5,110	4,560	4,110	4,030	3,790	1,060	1,080	770	20.5	21.1	16.9
Greenville	1,460	1,430	1,280	1,280	1,320	1,190	180	110	90	12.3	7.7	7.0
Houlton	5,290	4,820	4,970	4,620	4,200	4,500	670	620	470	12.7	12.9	9.5
Lincoln-Howland	5,930	5,660	5,730	5,240	5,180	5,340	690	480	390	11.6	8.5	6.8
Livermore Falls	6,060	5,980	5,800	5,310	5,210	5,290	750	770	510	12.4	12.9	8.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,570	4,550	4,320	3,890	3,870	3,900	680	680	420	14.9	14.9	9.7
Mechanic Falls	2,670	2,510	2,860	2,310	2,160	2,600	360	350	260	13.5	13.9	9.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,490	5,410	5,360	5,080	5,040	5,140	410	370	220	7.5	6.8	4.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,780	2,500	2,600	2,330	2,070	2,300	450	430	300	16.2	17.2	11.5
Rockland	17,330	16,790	16,460	15,540	15,050	15,120	1,790	1,740	1,340	10.3	10.4	8.1
Rumford	21,320	21,110	20,540	18,940	18,790	18,810	2,380	2,320	1,730	11.2	11.0	8.4
Sebago Lake Region	11,220	10,670	10,570	10,180	9,650	9,820	1,040	1,020	750	9.3	9.6	7.1
Skowhegan	20,820	20,240	20,810	17,600	17,200	19,260	3,220	3,040	1,550	15.5	15.0	7.4
Kittery-York	21,230	19,000	20,530	20,530	18,320	19,960	700	680	570	3.3	3.6	2.8
Southwest Penobscot	8,530	8,090	7,570	7,460	7,220	6,890	1,070	870	680	12.5	10.8	9.0
Waterville	21,600	21,670	21,710	19,010	19,760	20,380	2,590	1,910	1,330	12.0	8.8	6.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,627.2	1,614.7	1,592.7	1,522.0	1,503.9	1,502.0	105.2	110.8	90.7	6.5	6.9	5.7
Massachusetts	3,003.0	2,949.0	2,882.5	2,746.0	2,714.0	2,716.2	257.0	235.0	166.3	8.6	8.0	5.8
New Hampshire	n/a	487.1	476.5	n/a	446.4	453.9	n/a	40.7	22.6	n/a	8.4	4.8
Rhode Island	n/a	470.6	477.4	n/a	423.8	444.4	n/a	46.8	33.0	n/a	9.9	6.9
Vermont	n/a	260.8	261.1	n/a	237.4	246.2	n/a	23.4	14.9	n/a	9.0	5.7
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Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.9	4.3	3.1	2.4	2.5	2.2	4.5	4.8	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical and Managerial	7.8	6.7	8.3
Clerical and Sales	14.5	12.8	15.6
Services	7.5	7.5	9.0
Farming, Forestry, Fishing, and Related	4.8	4.4	5.8
Processing	5.6	4.7	6.4
Machine Trade	9.2	8.8	7.5
Benchwork	8.2	7.1	6.3
Structural Work	16.5	21.3	19.1
Miscellaneous	25.9	26.7	22.0

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	62.9	64.4	57.8
Under 22	8.0	8.6	9.1
22-24	11.4	12.0	7.5
25-34	32.7	33.3	35.2
35-39	10.8	10.5	6.0
Total 40 and Over	37.1	35.6	42.2
40-44	8.2	7.9	12.5
45-54	14.7	14.2	13.3
55-64	11.6	11.2	11.7
65 and Over	2.6	2.3	4.7

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

RECENTLY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY NOTIFIED EMPLOYERS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF USING COMPUTERS TO EASE THE PROCESS OF FILING REPORTS TO THE BUREAU.

DUE TO THE INCREASING USE OF COMPUTERS, MANY EMPLOYERS NOW MAINTAIN FULLY COMPUTERIZED PAYROLL AND TAX ACCOUNTING RECORDS. THESE EMPLOYERS OFTEN FIND IT NECESSARY TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY PAYROLL AND CONTRIBUTION REPORTS TO THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BASED ON COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION IN A MANUAL OR TYPED FORMAT.

THE BUREAU'S OWN COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM HAS THE CAPACITY TO SIMPLIFY THE QUARTERLY REPORTING PROCESS FOR BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE AGENCY.

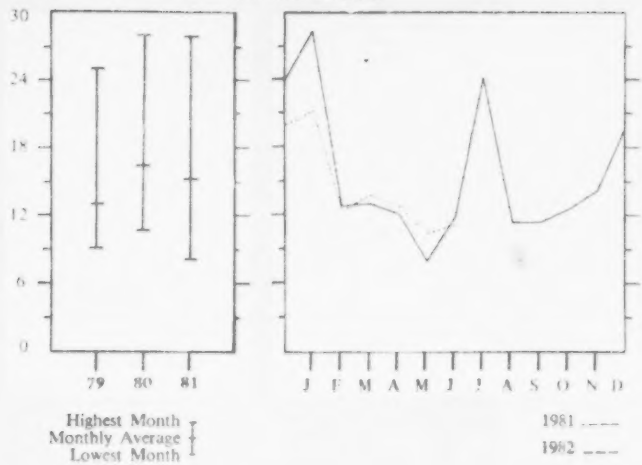
THE RESPONSE TO THE BUREAU'S OFFER TO EMPLOYERS HAS BEEN GRATIFYING. LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF PRIVATE EMPLOYERS HAVE CONTACTED THE BUREAU TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTOMATED REPORTS.

QUICK, ACCURATE COMPUTER REPORTS HAVE MORE THAN TIME-SAVING BENEFITS FOR THE BUREAU. THE AUTOMATED RECORDS ARE USED IN A CROSS-MATCHING FASHION TO DETECT INCIDENCES OF AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BEING PAID WAGES. INCREASED AUTOMATION WILL ASSIST IN THE DETECTION AND REDUCTION OF FRAUD.

IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYER WITH COMPUTERIZED RECORD KEEPING AND ARE INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE BUREAU, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DATA PROCESSING DIRECTOR AT (207) 289-3168.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

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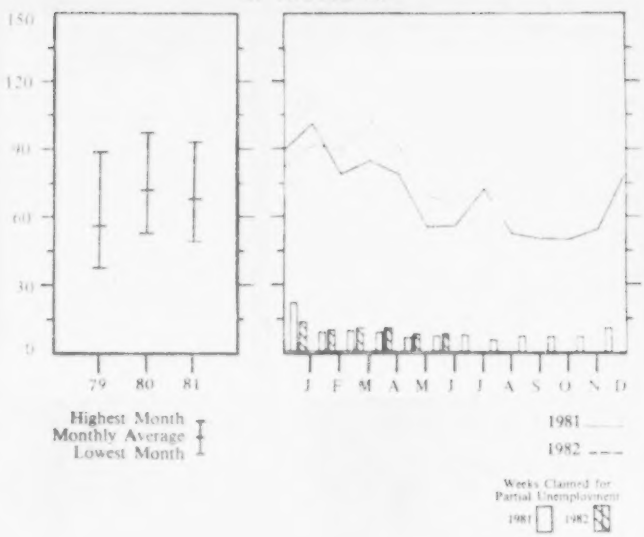

NOTES ON THE MAINE ECONOMY - A QUARTERLY ANALYSIS ---

--- MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGED A RECESSION-TINGED 9.2 PERCENT DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1982 AS COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 6.9 PERCENT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1981.

--- THE RATE FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER WAS ALSO HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE OF 8.8 PERCENT RECORDED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1982 DESPITE SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT GAINS, AS LABOR FORCE GROWTH OUTWEIGHED EMPLOYMENT GROWTH.

--- NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 11,500 BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1982, WITH SEASONAL GAINS IN TRADE, SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE INCREASE.

--- BETWEEN THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1982 EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE INCREASED BY 4,600, WITH SEASONAL GAINS BY EATING AND DRINKING PLACES ACCOUNTING FOR NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. SERVICES REGISTERED A SUBSTANTIAL SEASONAL INCREASE OF 3,500 DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1982, DUE PRIMARILY TO JOB GAINS IN MOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES.

--- BETWEEN THE SECOND QUARTERS OF 1981 AND 1982 NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DECLINED BY 8,700.

--- LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS DECLINED 1,300 DURING THE PAST YEAR. HIGH INTEREST RATES AND THE RESULTANT DROP IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAVE RESULTED IN LESS DEMAND FOR THE PRODUCTS OF THIS INDUSTRY. OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY THE NATIONAL RECESSION DURING THE PAST YEAR WERE TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS (-1,600) AND LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-1,900).

--- CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT DECLINED BY 2,000 DURING THE PAST YEAR. BUILDING, HEAVY, AND SPECIAL TRADES CONSTRUCTION HAVE ALL BEEN AFFECTED BY THE NATIONAL DOWNTURN.

--- WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE DECLINED BY 1,400 BETWEEN THE SECOND QUARTERS OF 1981 AND 1982, WITH LOSSES BY GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES AND WHOLESALE TRADE ACCOUNTING FOR MOST OF THE TOTAL.

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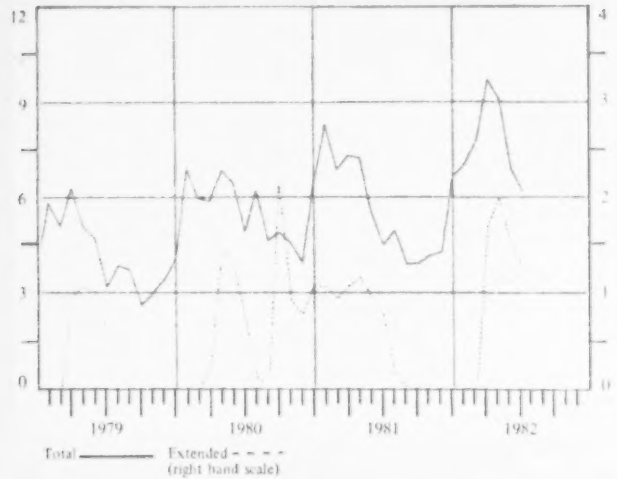
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

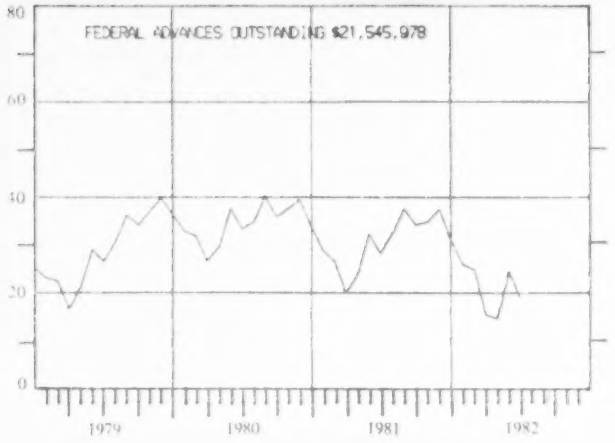
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

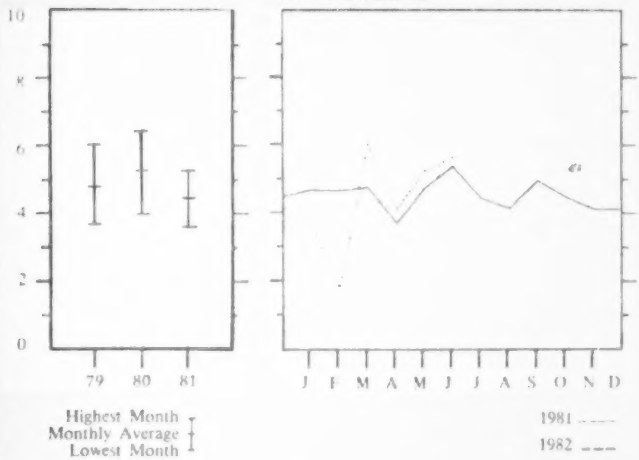
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	421.0	409.6	430.1	97.1	95.0	94.3	34.1	33.7	34.9
Total Manufacturing	108.8	105.9	115.6	17.6	17.4	17.9	10.9	10.8	11.9
Durable Goods	40.1	39.1	42.4	7.3	7.3	7.5	1.9	2.0	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.2	11.3	13.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	15.4	15.7	16.5	6.6	6.6	6.5	1.5	1.6	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.5	12.1	12.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	68.7	66.8	73.2	10.3	10.1	10.4	9.0	8.8	9.7
Food and Kindred Products	8.6	8.4	8.8	2.5	2.4	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.9	7.2	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.5	2.0
Apparel	4.6	3.9	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.3	18.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.4	20.0	22.2	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.1)	(16.6)	(18.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.2)	(3.0)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.3)	(3.4)	(3.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.5	10.0	10.2	4.5	4.5	4.8	2.4	2.4	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	312.2	303.7	314.5	79.5	77.6	76.4	23.2	22.9	23.0
Contract Construction	17.8	16.3	19.5	4.2	4.1	4.5	1.3	1.2	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	18.5	19.3	6.1	5.8	5.9	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	92.2	88.5	93.7	26.6	25.6	25.5	8.3	8.2	8.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.2	17.7	17.3	8.3	8.1	7.6	1.8	1.7	1.7
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	82.6	79.1	82.8	22.4	21.4	20.8	7.7	7.7	7.5
Government	82.2	83.6	81.9	11.9	12.6	12.1	2.9	2.9	3.1
Federal	(18.3)	(18.2)	(17.8)	(1.4)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(63.9)	(65.4)	(64.1)	(10.5)	(11.1)	(10.7)	(2.6)	(2.6)	(2.8)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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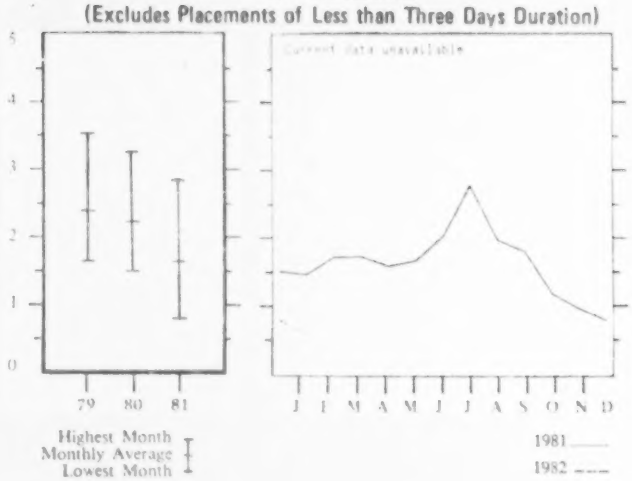
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$284.31	$278.50	$268.62	40.1	39.9	40.7	$7.09	$6.98	$6.60	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	295.20	290.94	280.16	40.0	39.8	41.2	7.38	7.31	6.80	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	263.21	253.92	261.70	39.7	39.8	40.7	6.63	6.38	6.43	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	281.64	280.28	264.92	39.5	39.2	41.2	7.13	7.15	6.43	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	343.54	342.63	323.89	40.8	40.5	41.9	8.42	8.46	7.73	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	278.18	271.20	262.04	40.2	40.0	40.5	6.92	6.78	6.47	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	222.22	226.70	209.02	37.6	38.1	36.8	5.91	5.95	5.68	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	218.23	212.01	214.87	38.9	38.2	41.4	5.61	5.55	5.19	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	189.62	189.86	181.65	37.4	37.3	37.3	5.07	5.09	4.87	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	468.87	436.75	419.98	46.7	45.4	45.6	10.04	9.62	9.21	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	204.54	205.96	191.11	37.6	38.0	37.4	5.44	5.42	5.11	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	235.73	235.24	231.42	38.9	38.5	40.6	6.06	6.11	5.70	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	274.77	273.39	249.87	38.7	39.0	38.5	7.10	7.01	6.49	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	232.16	229.96	218.44	38.5	38.2	39.5	6.03	6.02	5.53	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	227.0	220.1	214.1
Unemployed	23.2	21.2	19.1
(Percent)	10.2	9.6	8.9
Resident Employed	203.8	198.9	195.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	290.6	287.1	271.3	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+1.2
Percent Change from Last December	+3.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+7.1

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	542.0	527.5	523.9	493.6	478.4	488.5	48.4	49.1	35.4	8.9	9.3	6.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,800	44,000	41,700	39,800	41,000	39,100	3,000	3,000	2,600	7.0	6.8	6.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	34,000	32,900	33,000	31,000	30,100	30,800	3,000	2,800	2,200	8.8	8.5	6.7
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,300	39,200	38,300	35,300	35,200	34,100	4,000	4,000	2,800	10.2	10.2	7.3
Portland SMSA	98,300	96,700	94,100	91,700	90,400	88,800	6,600	6,300	5,300	6.7	6.5	5.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,550	30,380	29,710	27,990	27,990	27,570	2,560	2,390	2,140	8.4	7.9	7.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,930	23,980	23,120	23,390	22,480	21,930	1,540	1,500	1,190	6.2	6.3	5.1
Belfast	11,120	10,790	10,600	9,560	9,260	9,510	1,550	1,530	1,090	14.0	14.2	10.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	9,520	8,230	8,740	8,860	7,590	8,240	660	640	500	6.9	7.8	5.7
Calais-Eastport	16,190	15,550	15,460	13,680	13,080	13,780	2,510	2,470	1,670	15.5	15.9	10.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,500	20,480	20,350	19,080	18,370	19,010	2,420	2,110	1,340	11.3	10.3	6.6
Central Penobscot	3,730	3,780	3,690	3,330	3,460	3,420	300	320	270	8.0	8.5	7.3
Dover-Foxcroft	7,060	6,910	6,580	6,350	6,120	6,220	710	790	360	10.1	11.4	5.5
Ellsworth	21,840	20,650	20,660	20,120	18,740	19,410	1,720	1,910	1,250	7.9	9.2	6.1
Farmington	12,840	12,590	12,710	11,570	11,270	11,770	1,270	1,320	940	9.9	10.5	7.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,390	5,170	5,100	5,810	4,110	4,570	580	1,060	530	15.3	20.5	10.4
Greenville	1,620	1,460	1,560	1,520	1,280	1,500	100	180	80	6.2	12.3	5.1
Houlton	5,450	5,290	5,100	4,790	4,620	4,650	670	670	450	12.3	12.7	8.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,980	5,430	5,860	5,360	4,940	5,510	620	690	350	10.4	11.6	6.0
Livermore Falls	6,260	6,060	6,030	5,360	5,310	5,510	800	750	570	12.8	12.4	9.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,070	4,670	4,490	4,360	3,890	4,090	710	680	400	14.0	14.9	8.3
Mechanic Falls	2,760	2,670	2,960	2,310	2,310	2,670	350	360	290	12.7	13.5	9.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,520	5,490	5,410	5,150	5,080	5,180	370	410	230	6.7	7.5	4.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,860	2,780	2,810	2,470	2,330	2,540	390	450	270	13.6	16.2	9.6
Rockland	17,670	17,330	17,050	16,000	15,540	15,740	1,670	1,790	1,310	9.5	10.3	7.7
Rumford	21,370	21,320	21,160	19,060	18,940	19,450	2,310	2,380	1,710	10.8	11.2	8.1
Sebago Lake Region	11,740	11,220	11,540	10,740	10,180	10,780	1,000	1,040	760	8.5	9.3	6.6
Skowhegan	20,860	20,020	21,560	17,380	17,600	20,070	2,880	3,220	1,490	13.8	15.5	6.9
Kittery-York	24,270	21,230	23,430	23,510	20,530	22,830	760	700	600	3.1	3.3	2.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,660	8,530	7,690	7,520	7,460	7,000	1,140	1,070	690	13.2	12.5	9.0
Waterville	21,860	21,600	22,240	19,960	19,010	20,810	1,900	2,590	1,430	8.7	12.0	6.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,638.0	1,627.2	1611.5	1,524.4	1,522.0	1,512.8	113.6	105.2	98.7	6.9	6.5	6.1
Massachusetts	3,050.0	3,003.0	2,960.0	2,775.0	2,746.0	2,774.3	275.0	257.0	185.7	9.0	8.6	6.3
New Hampshire	494.8	487.3	490.4	457.1	450.4	466.0	37.7	36.8	24.4	7.6	7.6	5.0
Rhode Island	479.3	471.6	484.6	434.6	428.0	448.8	44.7	43.6	35.8	9.3	9.2	7.4
Vermont	N/A	263.6	263.3	N/A	243.6	247.9	N/A	20.0	15.4	N/A	7.6	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	N/A	5,852.6	5,809.8	N/A	5,390.0	5,449.8	N/A	462.6	360.0	N/A	7.9	6.2
UNITED STATES 3/	111,569	109,914	109,904	100,683	99,957	101,419	10,886	9,957	8,485	9.8	9.1	7.7

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n.a. indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and interpolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	13,064	15,559	11,330	1,741	1,910	1,670	1,269	1,477	979
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.2	3.9	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.1	3.8	4.5	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

MAINE NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF WORKERS[1]			NET CHANGE TO CURRENT QUARTER FROM	
	2ND QUARTER 1982	1ST QUARTER 1982	2ND QUARTER 1981	1st QUARTER 1982	2ND QUARTER 1981
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	411.2	399.7	419.9	+11.5	-8.7
Manufacturing	106.9	107.6	113.6	-0.7	-6.7
Durable Goods	39.4	40.2	41.0	-0.8	-1.6
Lumber and Wood Products	11.5	12.3	12.8	-0.8	-1.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	4.2	4.3	4.5	-0.1	-0.3
Machinery, except Electrical	3.9	4.2	4.0	-0.3	-0.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.8	7.8	-0.2	-0.2
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.0	8.9	+0.4	+0.5
Other Durable Goods[2]	2.8	2.6	3.0	+0.2	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	67.5	67.4	72.6	+0.1	-5.1
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.6	9.1	-0.2	-0.7
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.6	8.7	-0.5	-1.6
Apparel	4.3	4.6	4.6	-0.3	-0.3
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.6	18.5	0.0	-0.9
Printing and Publishing	3.8	3.9	3.8	-0.1	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	3.9	3.6	3.7	+0.3	+0.2
Leather and Leather Products	20.0	19.2	21.9	+0.8	-1.9
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	2.4	2.3	2.3	+0.1	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	304.3	292.1	306.3	+12.2	-2.0
Construction	16.0	13.1	18.0	+2.9	-2.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	17.9	18.7	+0.7	-0.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	88.8	84.2	90.2	+4.6	-1.4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	17.8	17.2	17.0	+0.6	+0.8
Services and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.9	75.4	79.9	+3.5	0.0
Government	83.2	83.3	82.5	-0.1	+0.7

[1] Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals, and unpaid family members. Preliminary estimates for current month and last month; revised estimates for year ago.

[2] Includes furniture and fixtures; stone, clay, glass, concrete products, and professional and scientific instruments.

[3] Includes chemicals, petroleum refining, and miscellaneous manufacturing.

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PROVIDES FREE WORKPLACE SAFETY INSPECTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS.

AN EMPLOYER IN PRIVATE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A SAFETY INSPECTION AND EXPERT ADVICE ON CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OR CONDITIONS WITHOUT RISKING ANY SORT OF SANCTION OR FINE. THE ENTIRE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ALLOW ACCIDENT PREVENTION MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY EMPLOYERS FOR THEIR BENEFIT AND FOR THAT OF THEIR WORKERS.

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE SAFETY INSPECTIONS HAVE FOUND NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES TO THE STATE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS APPROACH.

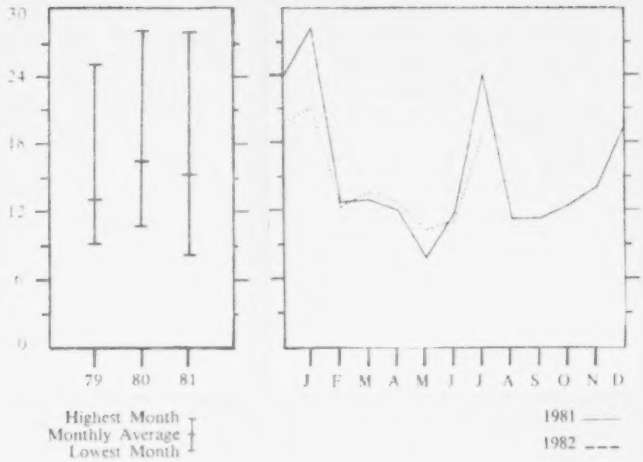
FIELD INSPECTORS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE WORKSITE TO EXAMINE WORK SITUATIONS FIRSTHAND. AREAS OF QUESTIONABLE SAFETY CIRCUMSTANCES OR COST-EFFECTIVE ACTION CAN BE DISCUSSED AND DESCRIBED. JOB-RELATED ACCIDENTS WHICH COULD BE OF ENORMOUS EXPENSE TO THE EMPLOYER CAN BE PREVENTED.

THE BENEFIT TO WORKING PEOPLE IS ALSO CONSIDERABLE. A SAFER WORKPLACE CAN BE THE DIRECT RESULT OF A FREE SAFETY INSPECTION.

EMPLOYERS INTERESTED IN A FREE SAFETY INSPECTION ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT MARVIN EWING, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS AT STATE HOUSE STATION #45, AUGUSTA, 04333 OR CALL (207)289-3331 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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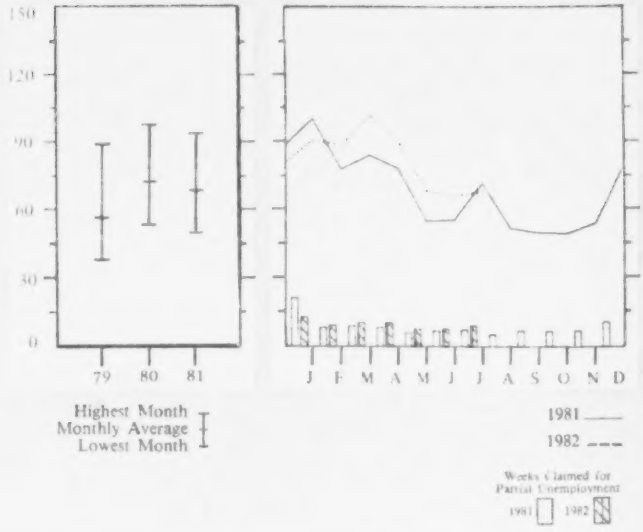

RESULTS OF 1982 MAINE HOSPITAL WAGE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

THE WAGE SURVEY OF HOSPITAL OCCUPATIONS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, IS TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBER HOSPITALS, OTHER EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE WAGE SCALES. THE SURVEY'S WAGE INFORMATION IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PERTINENT OCCUPATIONAL FACTS THAT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH MAKES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLANNERS AND CAREER COUNSELORS. PEOPLE IN NEED OF OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAREER DECISION-MAKING CAN USE THE SURVEY DATA TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING UPON A CAREER.

DURING THE FALL OF 1981, ALL MEMBER HOSPITALS OF THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE WAGE SURVEY, BY INDICATING THE WAGE RATES WHICH WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR 52 SELECTED NONADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS ON JANUARY 1, 1982. OF THE 46 PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN THE STATE, 44, OR APPROXIMATELY 96 PERCENT, PROVIDED USABLE WAGE DATA. THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED FOR ALL THE OCCUPATIONS WAS 13,341. THIS EMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPRESENTS NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN MAINE. OVER 33 PERCENT (4,451) OF THE REPORTED EMPLOYMENT ARE CLASSIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL WORKERS.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR ONLY THOSE OCCUPATIONS WHERE THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS REPORTED DATA. THE INFORMATION FROM ALL RESPONDENTS HAS BEEN KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDEN IAL AND HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN ANY MANNER THAT WOULD PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A BROCHURE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FOR A FEE OF $1.00.

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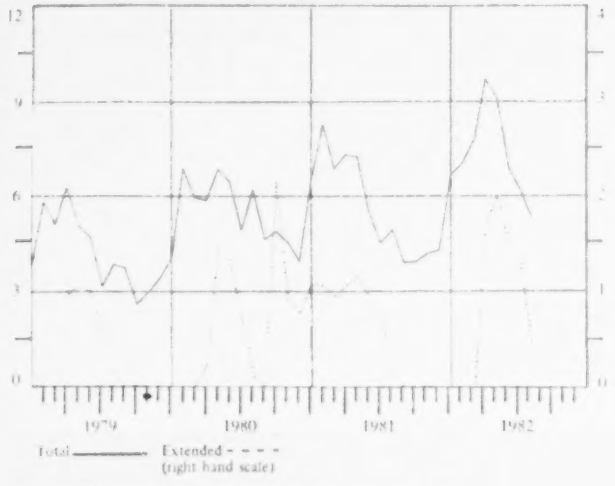
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

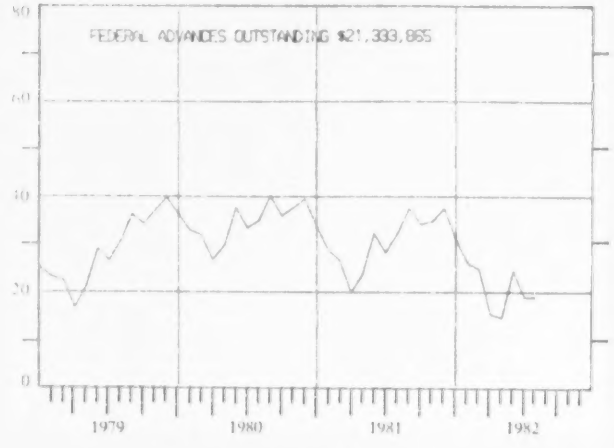
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

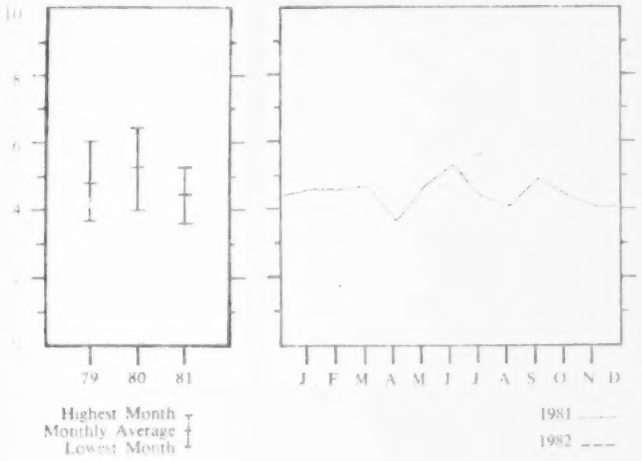
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	413.6	421.0	427.5	95.0	97.1	93.4	32.1	34.1	33.5
Total Manufacturing	100.9	108.8	110.5	16.3	17.6	17.9	9.2	10.9	10.6
Durable Goods	39.5	40.1	41.8	7.2	7.3	7.5	1.9	1.9	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.9	12.2	13.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	n/a	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.9	15.4	16.0	6.5	6.6	6.6	1.5	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.7	12.5	12.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	61.4	68.7	68.7	9.1	10.3	10.4	7.3	9.0	8.4
Food and Kindred Products	9.2	8.6	9.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.1	6.9	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.0	1.5	1.9
Apparel	4.0	4.6	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	17.7	18.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	14.0	20.4	18.8	2.3	3.3	3.1	2.3	3.4	2.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	(11.2)	(17.1)	(15.5)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.1)	(3.2)	(2.5)
All Other	(2.8)	(3.3)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.1	10.5	10.2	4.3	4.5	4.8	2.3	2.4	2.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	312.7	312.2	317.0	78.7	79.5	75.5	22.9	23.2	22.9
Contract Construction	18.7	17.8	19.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.0	19.2	19.4	6.1	6.1	5.9	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	92.8	92.2	94.6	26.5	26.6	25.7	8.2	8.3	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.1	18.2	17.5	8.3	8.3	7.6	1.7	1.8	1.7
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	86.5	82.6	87.7	22.4	22.4	21.1	7.7	7.7	7.6
Government	77.6	82.2	78.1	11.2	11.9	11.0	2.8	2.9	3.0
Federal	(18.3)	(18.3)	(18.1)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(59.3)	(63.9)	(60.0)	(9.8)	(10.5)	(9.6)	(2.5)	(2.6)	(2.7)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 2, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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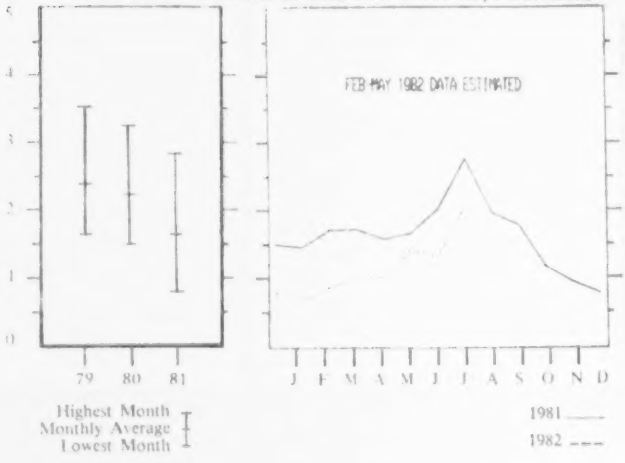
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$296.40	$284.31	$271.35	40.0	40.1	40.2	$7.41	$7.09	$6.75	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	306.73	295.20	277.60	40.2	40.0	39.6	7.63	7.38	7.01	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	292.09	263.21	265.17	40.4	39.7	40.3	7.23	6.63	6.58	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	285.59	281.64	255.08	39.5	39.5	38.3	7.23	7.13	6.66	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	345.14	343.54	322.80	40.7	40.8	40.3	8.48	8.42	8.01	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	290.80	278.18	267.30	40.0	40.2	40.5	7.27	6.92	6.60	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	208.10	222.22	218.14	34.8	37.6	40.1	5.98	5.91	5.44	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	224.87	218.23	213.79	40.3	38.9	40.8	5.58	5.61	5.24	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	191.94	189.62	177.39	36.7	37.4	36.5	5.23	5.07	4.86	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	471.80	468.87	439.89	46.3	46.7	46.5	10.19	10.04	9.46	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	207.75	204.54	184.91	37.5	37.6	36.4	5.54	5.44	5.08	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	231.51	235.73	229.10	37.4	38.9	39.5	6.19	6.06	5.80	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	286.77	274.77	251.16	38.7	38.7	38.7	7.41	7.10	6.49	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	237.08	232.16	221.60	38.3	38.5	39.5	6.19	6.03	5.61	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	224.2	227.0	221.1
Unemployed	26.5	23.2	23.0
(Percent)	11.8	10.2	10.4
Resident Employed	197.7	203.8	198.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	292.2	290.6	274.4	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6
Percent Change from Last December	+3.8
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+6.5

* Preliminary estimates

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	540.8	542.0	532.6	488.2	493.6	488.9	52.6	48.4	43.7	9.7	8.9	8.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,300	42,800	42,900	39,000	39,800	39,700	3,300	3,000	3,200	7.8	7.0	7.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	34,000	34,000	32,400	30,000	31,000	29,400	4,000	3,000	3,000	11.8	8.8	9.3
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,900	39,300	38,400	33,100	35,300	34,300	5,800	4,000	4,100	14.9	10.2	10.7
Portland SMSA	96,100	98,300	92,800	89,300	91,700	86,800	6,800	6,600	6,000	7.1	6.7	6.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,190	30,550	30,110	27,480	27,990	27,310	2,710	2,560	2,800	9.0	8.4	9.3
Bath-Brunswick	25,490	24,930	23,640	23,800	23,390	22,160	1,690	1,540	1,480	6.6	6.2	6.3
Belfast	10,750	11,120	10,420	9,170	9,560	9,300	1,580	1,560	1,120	14.7	14.0	10.7
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	10,400	9,520	9,820	9,790	8,860	9,250	610	660	570	5.9	6.9	5.8
Calais Eastport	16,440	16,190	15,960	14,410	13,680	14,410	2,030	2,510	1,550	12.3	15.5	9.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,150	21,500	20,940	17,980	19,080	17,900	3,170	2,420	3,040	15.0	11.3	14.5
Central Penobscot	3,770	3,730	3,730	3,470	3,430	3,440	300	300	290	8.0	8.0	7.8
Dover Foxcroft	6,710	7,060	6,610	5,990	6,350	6,140	720	710	470	10.7	10.1	7.1
Ellsworth	22,580	21,840	21,950	21,170	20,120	20,740	1,410	1,720	1,210	6.2	7.9	5.5
Farmington	13,020	12,840	13,410	11,750	11,570	12,160	1,270	1,270	1,250	9.8	9.9	9.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,920	6,390	5,380	5,250	5,410	4,880	670	980	500	11.3	15.3	9.3
Greenville	1,750	1,620	1,750	1,640	1,520	1,660	110	100	90	6.3	6.2	5.1
Houlton	5,280	5,450	5,200	4,570	4,780	4,610	710	670	590	13.4	12.3	11.3
Lincoln Howland	5,860	5,980	5,890	5,250	5,360	5,430	610	620	460	10.4	10.4	7.8
Livermore Falls	6,250	6,260	6,200	5,280	5,460	5,390	970	800	810	15.5	12.8	13.1
Madawaska Van Buren	4,920	5,070	4,760	4,280	4,360	4,290	640	710	470	13.0	14.0	9.9
Mechanic Falls	3,290	2,760	3,440	2,820	2,410	3,070	470	350	370	14.3	12.7	10.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,250	5,150	5,200	350	370	310	6.3	6.7	5.6
Patten Island Falls	2,700	2,860	2,820	2,390	2,470	2,560	310	390	260	11.5	13.6	9.2
Rockland	17,590	17,670	17,570	16,130	16,000	16,500	1,460	1,670	1,070	8.3	9.5	6.1
Rumford	21,120	21,370	21,730	18,640	19,060	19,420	2,480	2,310	2,310	11.7	10.8	10.6
Sebago Lake Region	13,220	11,740	12,920	12,160	10,740	12,080	1,060	1,000	840	8.0	8.5	6.5
Skowhegan	19,550	20,860	20,940	16,410	17,980	18,980	3,140	2,880	1,960	16.1	13.8	9.4
Kittery-York	25,450	24,270	25,690	24,430	23,510	24,790	1,020	760	900	4.0	3.1	3.5
Southwest Penobscot	8,620	8,660	7,720	7,330	7,520	6,700	1,290	1,140	1,020	15.0	13.2	13.2
Waterville	22,040	21,660	22,000	20,030	19,960	20,310	2,010	1,900	1,690	9.1	8.7	7.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,638.0	1,599.0	n/a	1,524.4	1,497.0	n/a	113.6	102.0	n/a	6.9	6.4
Massachusetts	3,108.0	3,050.0	3,003.3	2,809.0	2,775.0	2,805.3	299.0	275.0	198.0	9.6	9.0	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	494.8	496.8	n/a	457.1	467.2	n/a	37.7	29.6	n/a	7.6	6.0
Rhode Island	478.3	479.3	477.6	428.4	434.6	436.5	49.9	44.7	41.1	10.4	9.3	8.6
Vermont	n/a	266.5	263.8	n/a	247.4	248.8	n/a	19.1	15.0	n/a	7.2	5.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,928.6	5,840.5	n/a	5,438.5	5,454.8	n/a	490.1	385.7	n/a	8.3	6.6
UNITED STATES 3/	112,526	111,569	110,742	101,490	100,683	102,612	11,036	10,886	8,130	9.8	9.8	7.3

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1 - Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2 - Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.
3 - National estimates based on a sample of household visits, state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	16,692	13,064	16,257	1,923	1,741	2,157	2,558	1,269	1,338
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.2	3.2	3.9	2.4	2.1	2.7	7.9	3.8	4.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical and Managerial	9.6	9.2	10.7
Clerical and Sales	15.6	15.9	16.4
Services	8.1	7.6	9.3
Farming, Forestry, Fishing, and Related	1.9	2.4	2.3
Processing	7.0	5.6	8.7
Machine Trade	13.9	10.7	7.3
Benchwork	10.6	8.2	8.0
Structural Work	12.2	14.7	16.4
Miscellaneous	21.1	25.7	20.9

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	62.9	62.7	60.1
Under 22	9.9	8.1	9.3
22-24	11.0	10.9	9.5
25-34	31.5	33.0	33.7
35-39	10.5	10.7	7.6
Total 40 and Over	37.1	37.3	39.9
40-44	7.8	8.5	11.3
45-54	14.6	14.3	14.6
55-64	10.9	11.7	10.9
65 and Over	3.8	2.8	3.1

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION CAN BE VITAL TO BUSINESSES, WORKERS AND GOVERNMENT ALIKE. WITHOUT ACCURATE AND RELIABLE INFORMATION ANY DECISION BECOMES MORE A MATTER OF GUESSWORK THAN A RATIONAL SELECTION OF OPTIONS OR ALTERNATIVES.

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH IS THE PRIME SOURCE OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION FOR THE STATE OF MAINE. OPERATING UNDER THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH DEVELOPS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES MONTHLY FOR THE STATE, EACH COUNTY AND LABOR MARKET AREA AND, ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, FOR EVERY MINOR CIVIL DIVISION IN MAINE.

THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION CAN BE CRITICAL TO A BUSINESS CONSIDERING MOVING TO MAINE BUT UNSURE OF AN AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY. IT CAN ALSO BE CRITICAL TO AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING TO DETERMINE WHAT CAREER TO PURSUE THAT WILL RESULT IN RELIABLE, PERMANENT AND WELL-PAID EMPLOYMENT. APPROPRIATE USE OF THE DATA DEVELOPED BY THE RESEARCH DIVISION CAN GIVE THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO THESE TYPES OF QUESTIONS.

FIGURES ON EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ARE ONLY A PORTION OF THE TYPE OF DATA PRODUCED BY THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH. DATA ON SELECTED INDUSTRIES, OCCUPATIONS, WAGES AND SALARIES, AND EMPLOYMENT GROWTH AND DECLINE ARE ALSO ALL DEVELOPED BY AND AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH.

THE RESEARCH DIVISION OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS BEEN NOTED AS ONE OF THE BEST RESEARCH AGENCIES IN THE NATION, AND WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A RESOURCE AVAILABLE HERE IN THE STATE OF MAINE. IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYER, A WORKER, OR A LOCAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT OUR DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH AT 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330 OR CALL (207) 289-2271. INFORMATION OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO YOUR DECISIONS MAY ALREADY BE AVAILABLE.

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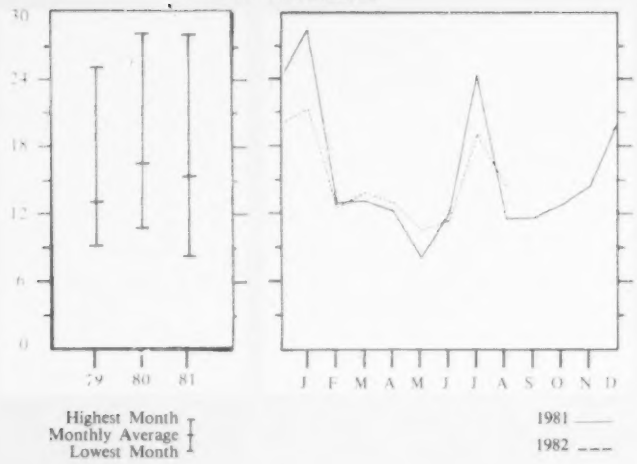
in Thousands



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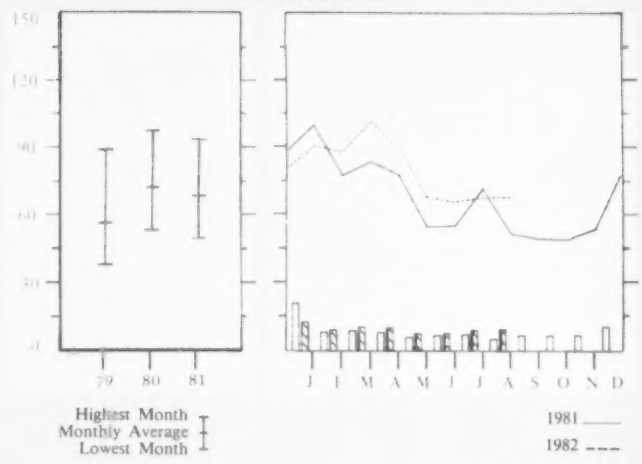


NATIONAL RECESSION AFFECTS MAINE'S LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

THE LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IS A VITAL ELEMENT OF MAINE'S ECONOMY. DURING 1980 THIS INDUSTRY CONSTITUTED APPROXIMATELY 12 PERCENT OF MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT STATEWIDE, AND PRODUCED GOODS VALUED AT OVER $600 MILLION FOR CONSUMPTION IN MAINE AND EAST COAST MARKETS.

DURING THE 1970s, MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT IN LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS PEAKED AT 14,700 IN 1974, AND THEN FELL TO 12,500 IN 1975 DUE TO THE NATIONAL RECESSION IN THAT YEAR. BETWEEN 1975 AND 1979, EMPLOYMENT IN LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS ROSE BY 2,200, REGAINING THE PEAK LEVEL OF 14,700 REACHED IN 1974. HOWEVER, DETERIORATING NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS RESULTED IN A LOSS OF 1,400 JOBS BETWEEN 1979 AND 1981.

SINCE 1981, EMPLOYMENT IN LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS HAS CONTINUED TO DECLINE. BETWEEN AUGUST 1981 AND AUGUST 1982 THIS INDUSTRY LOST 1,700 JOBS. MUCH OF THIS EMPLOYMENT DECLINE WAS THE RESULT OF THE POOR HEALTH OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. THE CURRENT RECESSION AND HIGH INTEREST RATES HAVE RESULTED IN A SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.

ACCORDING TO BUSINESS WEEK, NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION USUALLY CONSUMES 40 TO 50 PERCENT OF ALL LUMBER AND PLYWOOD SHIPPED EACH YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES. THE HOUSING MARKET, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN DEVASTATED BY HIGH INTEREST RATES. NATIONALLY, NEW HOME STARTS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1982 NUMBERED 451,000, OR 25 PERCENT BELOW THE LEVEL FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1981. BY COMPARISON, NEW HOME STARTS IN 1972 AND 1978 NUMBERED 2.4 MILLION AND 2.1 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY.

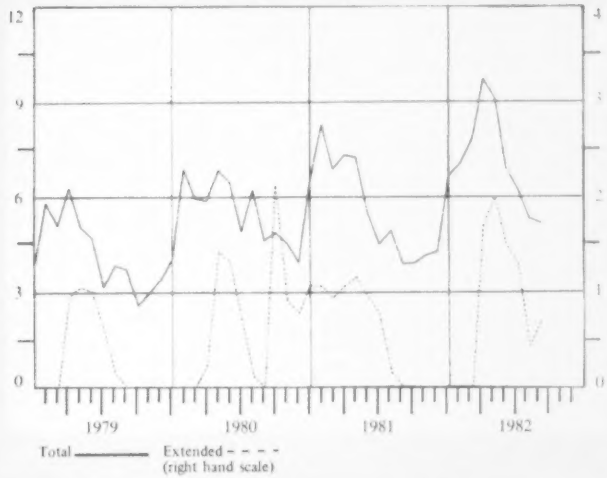
THE RECOVERY OF THE LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WILL DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON THE RECOVERY OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. DECLINING INTEREST RATES AND A RESULTANT RELEASE OF THE PENT-UP DEMAND FOR HOUSING COULD SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE STATUS OF THE LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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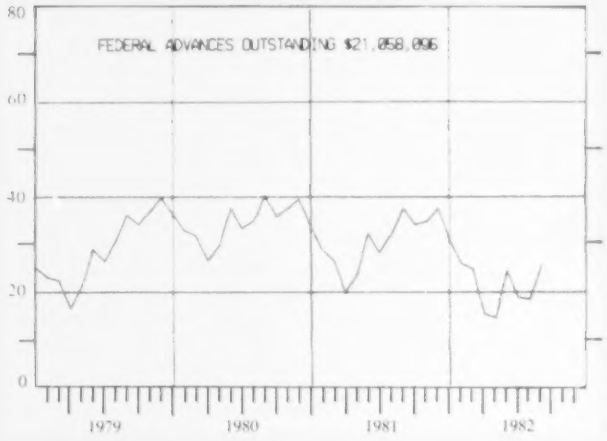
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

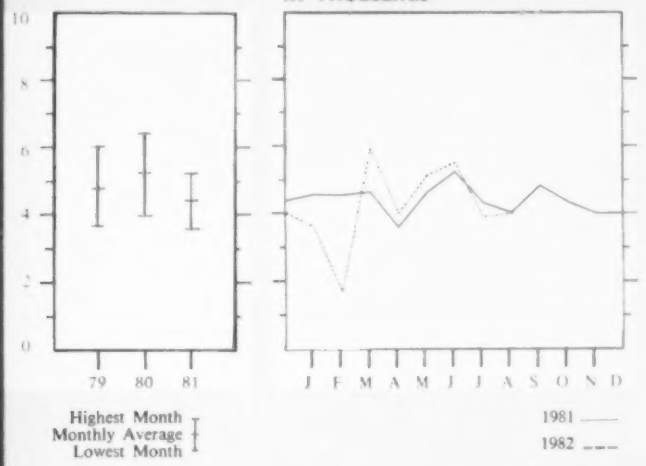
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	422.1	413.6	432.6	95.9	95.0	93.5	34.1	32.1	35.2
Total Manufacturing	109.9	100.9	117.4	17.3	16.3	18.0	10.8	9.2	12.0
Durable Goods	39.7	39.5	42.7	7.2	7.2	7.5	2.0	1.9	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.1	11.9	13.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	n/a	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.8	14.9	16.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	1.5	1.5	1.8
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.8	12.7	12.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	70.2	61.4	74.7	10.1	9.1	10.5	8.8	7.3	9.7
Food and Kindred Products	10.7	9.2	10.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.1	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.0	1.9
Apparel	4.7	4.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	18.0	18.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.2	14.0	22.0	3.3	2.3	3.1	3.1	2.3	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.9)	(11.2)	(18.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.9)	(2.1)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.3)	(2.8)	(3.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.1	10.3	4.4	4.3	4.9	2.5	2.3	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	312.2	312.7	315.2	78.6	78.7	75.5	23.3	22.9	23.2
Contract Construction	18.4	18.7	19.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	1.3	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	19.0	19.5	6.2	6.1	5.9	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	93.0	92.8	94.4	26.6	26.5	26.1	8.3	8.2	8.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.2	18.1	17.5	8.4	8.3	7.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	86.4	86.5	87.3	22.3	22.4	21.0	8.0	7.7	7.7
Government	77.0	77.6	77.2	11.0	11.2	11.0	2.8	2.8	3.0
Federal	(18.1)	(18.3)	(17.9)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(58.9)	(59.3)	(59.3)	(9.6)	(9.8)	(9.6)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.7)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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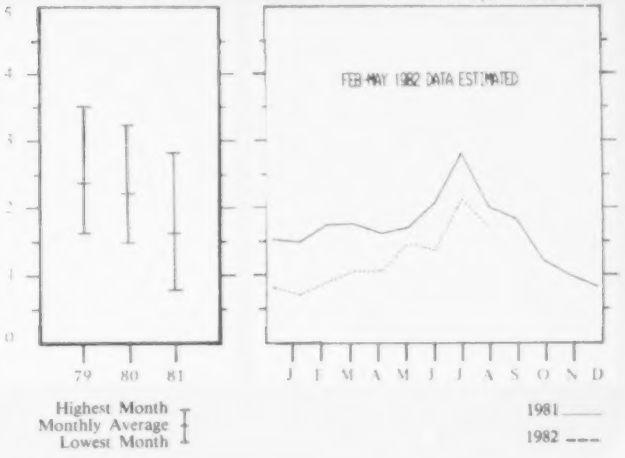
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$291.13	$296.40	$270.28	40.1	40.0	40.4	$7.26	$7.41	$6.69	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	315.17	306.73	287.04	40.2	40.2	40.6	7.84	7.63	7.07	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	284.72	292.09	269.28	40.5	40.4	40.8	7.03	7.23	6.60	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	279.85	285.59	267.33	38.6	39.5	39.9	7.25	7.23	6.70	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	387.39	345.14	336.58	41.7	40.7	41.4	9.29	8.48	8.13	7.98	7.03	6.26
Nondurable Goods	278.29	290.80	269.34	40.1	40.0	40.3	6.94	7.27	6.46	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	213.40	208.10	217.59	38.8	34.8	40.9	5.50	5.98	5.32	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	204.28	224.87	215.02	37.9	40.3	40.8	5.39	5.58	5.27	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	198.06	191.94	180.56	37.3	36.7	36.7	5.31	5.23	4.92	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	467.62	471.80	420.81	45.4	46.3	45.2	10.30	10.19	9.31	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	209.72	207.75	188.78	38.2	37.5	36.8	5.49	5.54	5.13	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	237.93	231.51	221.34	38.5	37.4	38.9	6.18	6.19	5.69	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	278.36	286.77	245.86	38.5	38.7	38.0	7.23	7.41	6.47	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	225.55	237.08	212.80	38.1	38.3	38.0	5.92	6.19	5.60	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force *	224.6	224.2	217.5
Unemployed	20.5	26.5	15.6
(Percent)	9.1	11.8	7.2
Resident Employed	204.1	197.7	201.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	292.8	292.2	276.5	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+ 4.0
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 5.9

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	538.5	540.8	527.6	497.4	488.2	495.8	41.1	52.6	31.8	7.6	9.7	6.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	41,800	42,300	41,900	39,200	39,000	39,700	2,600	3,300	2,200	6.2	7.8	5.3
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	33,600	34,000	31,900	30,900	30,000	29,800	2,700	4,000	2,100	8.0	11.8	6.6
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,200	38,900	38,300	34,800	33,100	35,700	3,400	5,800	2,600	8.9	14.9	6.8
Portland SMSA	94,600	96,100	91,100	89,200	89,300	86,500	5,400	6,800	4,600	5.7	7.1	5.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,500	30,190	29,380	27,390	27,480	27,440	2,110	2,710	1,940	7.2	9.0	6.6
Bath-Brunswick	25,800	25,490	23,130	24,450	23,800	22,110	1,350	1,690	1,020	5.2	6.6	4.4
Belfast	10,410	10,750	11,010	9,240	9,170	10,120	1,170	1,580	890	11.2	14.7	8.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,780	10,400	9,630	9,900	9,790	9,190	880	610	440	8.2	5.9	4.6
Calais-Eastport	19,090	16,440	17,640	17,370	14,410	16,430	1,720	2,030	1,210	9.0	12.3	6.9
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,100	21,150	20,210	16,160	17,980	17,640	2,940	3,170	2,570	15.4	15.0	12.7
Central Penobscot	3,620	3,770	3,530	3,380	3,470	3,350	240	300	180	6.6	8.0	5.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,830	6,710	6,300	6,200	5,990	6,010	630	720	290	9.2	10.7	4.6
Ellsworth	24,420	22,580	24,150	23,260	21,170	23,250	1,160	1,410	900	4.8	6.2	3.7
Farmington	12,650	13,020	12,660	11,680	11,750	11,890	970	1,270	770	7.7	9.8	6.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,390	5,920	5,100	4,840	5,250	4,670	550	670	430	10.2	11.3	8.4
Greenville	1,800	1,750	1,740	1,720	1,640	1,680	80	110	60	4.4	6.3	3.4
Houlton	5,010	5,280	4,710	4,380	4,570	4,240	630	710	470	12.6	13.4	10.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,820	5,860	5,690	5,300	5,250	5,390	520	610	300	8.9	10.4	5.3
Livermore Falls	6,070	6,250	5,830	5,370	5,280	5,260	700	970	570	11.5	15.5	9.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,710	4,920	4,620	4,150	4,280	4,240	560	640	380	11.9	13.0	8.2
Mechanic Falls	3,000	3,290	3,270	2,680	2,820	3,040	320	470	230	10.7	14.3	7.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,480	5,600	5,350	5,200	5,250	5,120	280	350	230	5.1	6.3	4.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,470	2,700	2,510	2,180	2,390	2,310	290	310	200	11.7	11.5	8.0
Rockland	17,770	17,590	17,640	16,430	16,130	16,820	1,340	1,460	820	7.5	8.3	4.6
Rumford	21,290	21,120	21,180	19,410	18,640	19,650	1,880	2,480	1,530	8.8	11.7	7.2
Sebago Lake Region	12,990	13,220	12,840	12,070	12,160	12,180	920	1,060	660	7.1	8.0	5.1
Skowhegan	20,390	19,550	21,680	17,940	16,410	19,990	2,450	3,140	1,690	12.0	16.1	7.8
Kittery-York	25,950	25,450	25,300	25,270	24,430	24,780	680	1,020	520	2.6	4.0	2.1
Southwest Penobscot	8,250	8,620	7,310	7,220	7,330	6,660	1,030	1,290	650	12.5	15.0	8.9
Waterville	21,770	22,040	22,020	20,130	20,030	20,670	1,640	2,010	1,350	7.5	9.1	6.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	N/A	1,625.7	1,586.7	N/A	1,510.8	1,488.1	N/A	114.9	98.6	N/A	7.1	6.2
Massachusetts	3,124.0	3,108.0	3,026.7	2,886.0	2,809.0	2,809.4	238.0	299.0	217.3	7.6	9.6	7.2
New Hampshire	N/A	502.1	492.4	N/A	456.5	470.3	N/A	45.6	22.1	N/A	9.1	4.5
Rhode Island	486.1	478.3	483.8	439.9	428.4	445.9	46.2	49.9	37.9	9.5	10.4	7.8
Vermont	N/A	272.5	261.4	N/A	253.6	247.7	N/A	18.9	13.7	N/A	6.9	5.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	N/A	5,986.6	5,851.0	N/A	5,458.3	5,461.4	N/A	528.3	389.6	N/A	8.8	6.7
UNITED STATES 3/	111,887	112,526	110,099	101,177	101,490	102,152	10,710	11,036	7,947	9.6	9.8	7.2

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	12,454	16,692	11,217	1,689	1,923	1,597	1,144	2,558	913
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.1	4.2	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.0	3.5	7.9	2.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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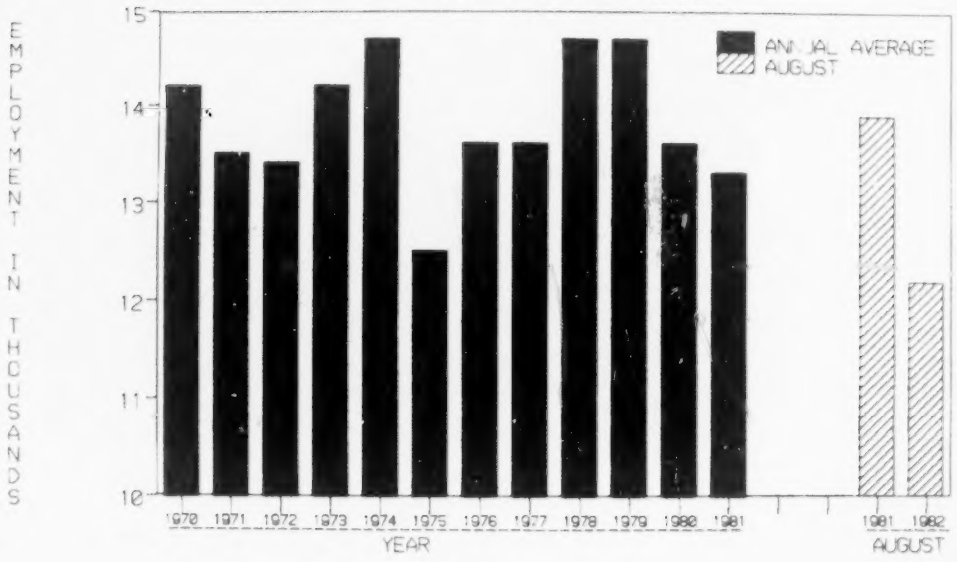
FOR SELECTED TIME PERIODS



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